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INDIA, U.S. CONCLUDE 3-WEEK JOINT EXERCISES IN HIMACHAL

The mega exercises involving special forces of the two countries were held in Himachal Pradesh's Bakloh area

FOCUS ON COUNTER-TERROR MISSIONS

The 13th edition of the annual 'Vajra Prahar' exercise focused on counterterrorism and saw both sides carry out air-borne operations and anti-terror missions. The mammoth exercise was significant as it was held in Himachal Pradesh, a state that borders China. Beijing reacted saying it was against "third-party meddling" in India-China border dispute

DRILL WAS IMMENSELY SATISFYING: ARMY

- The Army said both sides expressed "immense satisfaction" on the standards achieved and the sharing of best practices
- The exercise was conducted in two phases; the first involved combat conditioning and tactical level missions, while the second included 48 hours of validation of training received in the first

Vajra Prahar

EXERCISE IS HOSTED ALTERNATELY BETWEEN INDIA AND THE US

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Cong pushes its prez polls by a month to Oct 17

G-23 leader Anand Sharma flags the delay in party's state units receiving electoral rolls

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

WHILE the Congress Working Committee (CWC), the party's apex decision-making body, on Sunday decided to push the party's presidential election to mid-October, a senior functionary questioned whether due process was followed to prepare the electoral rolls for the much-delayed exercise.

The CWC was meeting in the backdrop of the stunning resignation of veteran party leader Ghulam Nabi Azad, who singled out Rahul Gandhi for damaging the party's functioning and its political prospects.

Speaking at the meeting convened virtually by Congress president Sonia Gandhi, senior party functionary and G-23 member Anand Sharma pointed out that not only had the party's state units not received the electoral rolls, there were complaints that no meeting was held before finalising the list of voters.

About 9,000 All India Congress Committee (AICC) delegates make up the electoral college for the party's presidential polls. Filing of nomination papers will begin on September 24. Election will be held on October 17 and the counting of votes will take place two days later. But if only one candidate is left in the fray after October 8, the deadline for withdrawal of nomination papers, the winner will be declared the same day. The election had to be put off by a month as it was clashing with the party's nationwide Bharat Jodo Yatra starting September 7.

During today's CWC meeting, Sharma, who earlier quit as a member of the steering committee that will oversee election-bound Himachal Pradesh, demanded that the electoral rolls be made public. However, the Congress' Central Election Authority Chairman Madhusudan Mistry said the voters' list would be made available to contesting candidates on demand after the delegates are verified.

Party general secretary Jairam Ramesh, however, tried to airbrush Sharma's intervention. "'The election schedule that was put forward by Mistry, all CWC members unanimously approved it without raising any questions or demanding an extension of dates," he later told the media.

Sonia, who is abroad for her health checkup, was flanked by Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra at the meeting, which lasted about 30 minutes.

PARVEEN NEGI

GONE IN 12 SECONDS

A series of controlled explosions on Sunday reduced Supertech's illegally built twin residential towers in Noida to a mountain of rubbles in just 12 seconds

35,000 cubic metres of debris, including concrete rubble, steel and iron bars left in the wake of demolition

3,700 kilos of explosives bored into the pillars and walls of the twin towers went off in quick succession. It was the biggest demolition exercise in the country so far

2.30 pm when the explosives were detonated

5,000 people evacuated from the vicinity of the towers

103 metres Height of the tallest of the two towers, Apex. The other one, Ceyane, was 97 metres tall

20 cr COST OF DEMOLITION

MINOR DAMAGES
Boundary wall of a nearby residential society was damaged and the windowpanes of many apartments developed cracks

HEIGHT OF ILLEGALITY
The towers lacked the mandatory 16-metre space between them. Also, they were constructed in an area meant to be a 'green space' where no buildings were to come up as per the original plan

END OF NINE-YEAR BATTLE
In 2012, residents of Supertech Emerald Court went to court over the illegally built towers. In 2014, the Allahabad HC ordered their demolition. In August 2021, the apex court upheld the order

Truth will come out after probe, says CM Bommai

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday said the investigation is on in the Pocso case filed against Dr Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru of Murugha Mutt in Chitradurga, and the truth will come out after the probe.

Bommai, however, refused to comment further on the allegations against the pontiff, saying the probe is under way. "The police have registered the Pocso case and also another complaint on the issue. At this stage, making comments or interpreting the case is not good for the investigation," he added. He said, "The police have complete freedom. They will investigate the case."

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The Mysuru city police on Saturday filed the Pocso case against the seer after allegations by two minor high school girls. Mutt Advisory Committee member NB Vishwanath said the charges against the seer are false. **P4**

GUJARAT CM

CALLS MEDHA PATKAR 'URBAN NAXAL'

While addressing a gathering in Bhuj, CM Bhupendra Patel alleged that the Narmada Bachao Andolan leader was an 'Urban Naxal' who had received political support. **P8**

SIXY FINISH TO A GRIPPING CONTEST

Hardik Pandya picked up three wickets and scored an unbeaten 17-ball 33 to give India a 5-wkt win over Pakistan in the Asia Cup in Dubai...

Hardik Pandya hits the winning runs on Sunday | AFP

At the same venue against the same opponents four years ago, Hardik Pandya left the field on a stretcher with an injured back. A surgery, a lengthy layoff and managing workload meant India has missed Pandya, the bowler, most notably at the last T20 World Cup. On Sunday, a fully-fit Pandya showed how invaluable he is. After breaking Pakistan's back with three wickets, he did the job with the bat too as Pandya sealed a thrilling victory with a six off the fourth ball of the final over | **P11**

HARDIK PANDYEAH!

STAT OF THE ART

48 Number of dot balls bowled by India

1st time Indian pacers have taken all 10 wickets in a T20I

> **When it comes to batting, the chances I take when executing, I'm likelier to pull it off when I'm calmer. I knew they had Nawaz waiting to bowl, and while we needed 7, even if we needed 15, I would have fancied our chances**
> Hardik Pandya

SHORT STORY

On a pitch that had a bit of grass, while conventional wisdom would have been to bowl full, India had a different plan. They chose to surprise the Pakistan batting unit with well-directed short-deliveries. It gave them the desired rewards. In fact, all of Pakistan's first five wickets came via short balls with Hardik Pandya, Avesh Khan and Bhuvneshwar Kumar setting the tone. In the 20 overs that India delivered, there were 18 short-balls — a full three overs

CLOSE SHAVE

Class X student hit by javelin operated upon

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Tumakuru

IN a heart-rending incident, a Class X student was severely injured after a javelin thrown by another student hit the right part of his head at the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium in Madhugiri town in Tumakuru district on Friday. The victim, Indresh from Jupiter Public School in the town, was sitting with his back to the thrower at the stadium. As the throw went awry, the javelin hit Indresh, who collapsed and fell unconscious.

He was rushed to Nimhans in Bengaluru where the doctors conducted a surgery and saved his life, sources told *TNIE*. But his full recovery will take time as some of the nerves are affected. **P5**

When Ganesha brings Hindus, Muslims together at Gadag village

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

AT a time when there are communal incidents in different parts of the state, here is a village where Muslims and Hindus come together to celebrate the Ganesha festival in a grand manner. Kalasapur, 5 km from Gadag town, has been setting an example of communal and religious harmony for the last eight years.

There were no celebrations last two years because of Covid, but it is back this year. Members of the Anjuman-e-Islam committee and other Muslims started raising funds over the last two weeks after village elders planned a united celebration. The Ganesha idol will be installed and the festival celebrated for 11 days. On Wednesday, the day of the festival, members from both communities will participate in pujas and rituals. The idol will be worshipped twice a day. On the last day, the idol will be taken through the village in a procession before immersing it.

People from surrounding villages and Gadag town visit this village to witness the unique celebration. Kalasapur Ganesha is now known as the 'Communal harmony Ganesha'. Thanks to such overtures, the village has not seen a single communal clash till date. If ever there are small incidents, elders from both communities sit together and resolve them.

Villagers said, "Hindus too participate in Ramzan and other Muslim festivals. We have heard of hijab, Ganesh dangal and other communal disturbances in other parts of the state, but we will not allow such incidents to occur in our village."

A file photo of the Ganesha festival at Kalasapur village near Gadag town

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EXPRESS READ

US sails warships through Taiwan Strait

Taipei: The US Navy sailed two warships through the Taiwan Strait on Sunday, in the first such transit publicised since US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan earlier in August. The USS Antietam and USS Chancellorsville are conducting a routine transit, the US 7th Fleet said on Sunday.

Phogat case: Accused sent to police custody

Panaji: A Goa court on Sunday remanded three of the accused arrested for alleged murder of BJP leader Sonali Phogat to police custody for five days. The police produced Edwin Nunes, who owns the Curlies restaurant, and two drug peddlers Dattaprasad Gaonkar and Ramakant Mandrekar before the court in Panaji.

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT & SPORTS
Sri Basavaraja S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister
NATIONAL SPORTS DAY
Launching of RURAL SPORTS FESTIVAL & YOGATHAN 2022
Presentation of Ekalavya, Lifetime Achievement, Karnataka Kreedarathna Award for the year 2020 and Kreeda Poshak Award and Cash Prize reward under Sahasra Kreeda Prathibha Yojane for 2021- 2022
EKALAVYA Award
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Date : 29.08.2022, 11.00 am
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Presentation of Awards
Launching of Rural Sports Festival & Yogathan
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Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman
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Sri M. Rajeev Chandrashekar
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All are Welcome

'Govt lacks will to act against illegal buildings'

Keen to implement Akrama-Sakrama; Citizens, experts slam scheme

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

AFTER the illegal twin towers in Noida were demolished on Sunday, experts, citizens and officials say it should be an example that can be implemented in Bengaluru and Karnataka too.

A senior official from Real Estate Regulatory Authority - Karnataka (Rera-K) said that many cases of unauthorised constructions are reported every day, inquiries are ordered, licences are also seized, but nothing moves beyond that. There is a need for more power to act on realtors, who are often hand-in-glove with politicians and influential people.

Citizens point out that the monsoon is the ideal time to show examples of illegal constructions and encroachments. While illegal structures are demolished after long court battles in other states, the Karnataka government is looking at implementing the Akrama-Sakrama scheme.

Srinivas Alavilli, head of Civic Participation, Janaagraha, said demolition has a great symbolic value for the rich and powerful, who think that rules don't apply to them. Such stern steps will make them think twice. There are many illegal constructions on drains and public spaces, carried out with political patronage, and should be dealt with in a similar manner. "Implementation of Akrama-Sakrama is like accepting the mistakes, and is not the right thing to do. It will have a tremendous impact as politics revolves around real estate," he said.

Violations of all sorts are reported in Bengaluru, including occupation of roads, footpaths, government plots, high-rise structures, lack of space between sites, encroachment of CA sites, BBMP and revenue lands, and many others. There are also cases like those in 110 villages who were given B-Khata for tax collection, but for sale, the sites are considered illegal as they do not have A-Khata.

Former Lokayukta Justice Vishwanath Shetty said there are brazen violations like encroachments on water bodies and drains, which should be demolished. Those on revenue lands should be dealt with practically. A T Ramaswamy, author of the report on encroachment and illegal structures, said as per Supreme Court orders, illegal constructions on lakes, drains and water bodies should be demolished. But the Karnataka government lacks the will, and is finding it difficult to clear illegal constructions due to corruption, he said.

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Srinivas Alavilli, head of Civic Participation, Janaagraha

JP Nagar residents with their own Twin Towers issue await justice

Residents of H M Tambourine apartment complex on Kanakapura Main Road in JP Nagar celebrated the demolition of the Supertech Twin Towers in Noida on Sunday. The 240 families in this upscale residential complex have been grappling with a similar issue and had approached the High Court five years ago. A small gathering of residents cut a cake, which had the words 'Justice always prevails', to celebrate the illegal structures being razed. Speaking on behalf of the residents, Abdul Aleem, a house owner and president of Changemakers of Kanakapura, said, "We were handed our flats in 2007, with space for constructing small commercial complexes, enveloped by greenery, left vacant. Our complex has four towers with a total of 240 houses. In 2017, H M Builders had approached BDA and got the plan modified so that they could construct two additional towers at the vacant space."

Stunned apartment owners filed a case against the BDA the same year for approving the plan. The case is still on. The builder began construction work too, without seeking consent of house owners, Aleem said. "The original plan handed over to owners has been violated. In addition, the towers are built at just a distance of eight metres from our present towers. Building rules mandate a 16-metre distance," he charged. The bigger issue is that the common area is the apartment complex was to be equally shared between all the owners. "That has completely shrunk as 120 more flats will come up. Many hearings have taken place in connection with our case, but we are still awaiting justice," he said. The builder could not be reached for comment.

K-RERA hands over villa project to buyers for completion

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

WITH four years having elapsed since the revised completion deadline and no sign of the residential project being completed, the Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority has handed over the construction of an upscale villa project to buyers. The project in question is 'LGCL Pueblo' on Rest House Road, off M G Road, in which 59 villas are being built by LOCL Properties Pvt Ltd.

It is only in the rarest of instances that the property is taken off the builder completely.

The RERA order issued on August 26 has been approved by Chairman Kishore Chandra, Member-1 Dr Vishnuvardhan Reddy and Member-2 Neelamani N Raju. It stated that the authority has concluded after numerous hearings that this was a fit case for invoking the provisions under Section 8 of the Act and allowing the completion of the project by an association formed by the allottees, the Pueblo Villa Owners Co-operative Society Limited.

The order copy with TNIE states that the agreement to develop a villa project was entered into by the builders and buyers on December 17, 2012. The commencement certificate was issued by BBMP on June 2, 2015, with a 24-month deadline specified. With a grace period of six months, the project was to be handed over by May 2, 2018.

A total of 66.53 crore has been collected from buyers. "As per the complainants, the percentage of the completion of the project is only 41 per cent and the amount spent by the respondent-promoter on the development work so far is only Rs 17.54 crore, contrary to the claim of the respondent-promoter that the amount spent on the project is Rs 33 crore," the order said. The directions issued by RERA in many of its 12 hearings were violated by the builder, it added.

K-RERA also ordered a forensic audit on the builder under section 35 of the RERA Act. The developer has not been transparent and not provided the mandatory quarterly updates too, the order pointed out.

The refundable deposit paid to land owners amounting to Rs 14.27 crore and the charges of Rs 3.6 crore paid towards water and power could be utilised for completing the project by the association, RERA said. A shortfall of Rs 3.24 crore needs to be shared by the villa owners to complete it, the order said.

Birders gather at Hesarghatta to wake up govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

BIRD watchers, citizens and experts gathered in large numbers at Hesarghatta on Sunday to record the bird count and send a message to the government for declaring the area as a grassland.

Over a 100 species were recorded by the various groups of birders, across age groups. Over 300 people had gathered for the exercise. Many were sent back with the assurance that another bird count exercise will held next week.

The species sighted included Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Red-headed Falcon, Short-toed Snake-eagle, White-eyed Buzzard, Pied Cuckoo, Indian Gray Hornbill, Eurasian Collared Dove, Red Collared Dove, Little Stint, Painted Stork, and Small Minivet.

"The aim of the exercise was to draw the attention of the government for the protection of the area," said ornithologist S Subramanya.

Residents question axing of trees planted by kids

DONNA EVA @ Bengaluru

THE residents of Annaiah Reddy Layout in JP Nagar Sixth Phase are upset after three trees planted by local children were axed.

Residents awoke to find that as many as three trees being cut, while an additional three trees had been completely debranched, leaving almost no greenery on the road. Residents tried following up on the shocking find, but were unable to garner any response from the authorities.

"The trees were planted around six years ago by the children. We wanted the kids to understand the importance of trees and learn that they are a part of the system, providing shade and oxygen to the residents," said Dhananjaya Padmanabhachar, an activist and resident.

Since no authority has taken responsibility for cutting the trees, with both BESCOM and BBMP claiming ignorance over the matter, the residents suspect it to be an act of another resident. Padmanabhachar alleged that the resident might have cut the trees, since he was undertaking repair work in the area. The others are now questioning the authorities on why no action has been taken against the culprits. "We've questioned the BBMP, who have said that an investigation will take place, but no action has been taken yet. Meanwhile, we are planning to file a complaint with the Karnataka Forest Department and our MLA Satish Reddy, to get the issue addressed," Padmanabhachar said.

The axed trees in Annaiah Reddy Layout in Bengaluru | EXPRESS

MODEL WITH CLAY

Actor Ragini Dwivedi tries her hand at making an eco-friendly clay idol of Lord Ganesha in Bengaluru on Sunday | VINOD KUMAR T

Our home, area flooded, complains MP Jaggesh

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

"MY wife has not slept for the last 20 days because of heavy rain and flood water entering our home at Mayasandra in Tumakuru," complained Rajya Sabha Member and actor **Jaggesh** on Sunday.

He told *The News Indian Express*, "When it pours heavily, around 4 ft of water enters about a third of the houses in the area. Unlike Benglauru, which is planned better, Mayasandra is managed by a village panchayat. Many people here have flouted nature's rules and built massive houses along Raja Kaluves. The result is that water has no place to drain out and floods the area."

When Jaggesh raised the complaint with the Tumakuru DC, Tumakuru ZP CEO and Chief Minister's Office, officials rushed to the spot on Sunday morning and surveyed the area, looking for solutions.

Others in the area complained that mattresses, furniture, kitchen utensils and vehicles have been damaged.

An aggrieved Jaggesh took to social media and uploaded pictures of his home where the living room, bedroom and kitchen were all flooded. He said, "When humans interfere with Mother Nature this is what happens."

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

29TH August: The current time is crowded with powerful planetary aspects. If each one represents a different possibility then, taken together, they point to an excess of choice. If you don't like making up your mind you might not enjoy yourself but, if you're happy to experiment with different options, then you could be in your element.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
There's great optimism in your chart today and, in my opinion, you can exploit it to the full. If you meet what seems like an insurmountable obstacle, you may overcome it by sheer belief. In the end, you may be forced to slow down, relax and put your feet up!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Pull out all the stops and, whatever else happens, don't allow anyone to convince you that your ideas and schemes are impractical. Actually, the twist is that it doesn't matter whether they're practical or not. What is important is your ability to improve the quality of your life in any way that suits you.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Mercury's curious motion now affords you the perfect opportunity to give time and thought to what can only be described as affairs of the heart. Don't shy away from analysing your feelings, for if you understand your desires, then you'll also realise why you are attracted to a certain sort of person.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
I know it takes an enormous amount of courage to let go and walk away from difficult situations, but the result will be a massive growth in your self-confidence. You will have realised that you really do have the power to free yourself from the past.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You are now in the closing stages of planetary alignments more inherently helpful than any which are due to return until well into the next decade. Your goal now is to turn the world on its head, transforming lingering problems into major advantages.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
It's good to spare some time for monetary matters, although not to the exclusion of everything else. Do pay very great attention to partners' wants and needs. You've been behaving like a person in a great hurry recently, but have you really thought about where you're going? Pause for a moment - and ponder.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Obviously this is a tricky time for finances but, then, what's new? One thing I can promise is that recent problems lie firmly in the past, and that you may now get on and make a few very wise long-term decisions. That doesn't mean life won't be free of difficulties - it's just that they'll be different ones!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You may be in the mood for fun. Even if you're at work, the key to a productive day is creative self-expression. This means you've got to do what you want, and the authorities had better realise it! Mind you, don't imagine that you're always right. You're not!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Matters close to home still require your attention, so do be prepared to rise to the challenge at a moment's notice. Remember that it's in the nature of today's sensitive lunar alignments that you require extra sympathy and affection. But use your intuition wisely.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Try to remember that current planetary activity complements your financial prospects - and keep your hopes up. Even what now seem to be highly unlikely possibilities will look very different by the beginning of next week. Nothing is for ever, despite what it feels like at the time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
The important thing in your life at the moment is partnership. Beyond the daily ups and downs of your various emotional and professional relationships lies the fundamental issue of what you actually are looking for from other people. It could be financial security - and there's nothing wrong with that.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Stay busy, keep active and don't duck out of responsibilities now. As far as financial affairs are concerned, I'd say that you have about a week left in which to take the initiative and sort out a whole host of complications. After that, you'll have to shift the burden on to others!

THE PHANTOM

LET'S SAY THEY HAVEN'T LOST INTEREST...
LET'S SAY THEY'VE STOPPED SHOOTING AT ME SO I'LL GET COMFORTABLE WITH THE COVER I HAVE.
YEAH...
THAT COULD COME FROM ANYWHERE, COULDN'T IT?

HI AND LOIS

I DECIDED I'M GOING TO START EACH NEW DAY WITH A POSITIVE THOUGHT!
THE TOILET IS OVERFLOWING.
THAT WASN'T THE THOUGHT I WAS THINKING OF.

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

I'D LIKE TO ARRANGE A LOAN TO UPGRADE MY SANDWICH SHOP
WHAT FIGURE DO YOU HAVE IN MIND?
TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS
WILL THAT BE ENOUGH?
YES, AND OBVIOUSLY YOU'LL BE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SANDWICES FOR THE LIFE OF THE LOAN
YOU CERTAINLY HAVE A KNACK FOR NEGOTIATING, MRS. BUMSTEAD

LOCKHORNS

"ARE YOU SURE THIS WILL BE LOUD ENOUGH TO IRRITATE THE ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"HEY! IF HE GETS A SENIOR DISCOUNT... SHOULDN'T I GET A JUNIOR ONE?"

SU DO KU

Hard: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

						1		
1	5		7			6		
8		2		9		4		
			6	4			1	
		1		3		9		
	4			8	1			
		6		1		2		5
		4			3		9	1
		5						

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

7	2	4	8	9	5	6	1	3
3	8	1	2	4	6	5	9	7
9	5	6	1	7	3	4	2	8
6	7	8	5	2	4	1	3	9
1	3	2	9	6	8	7	5	4
5	4	9	3	1	7	8	6	2
8	6	3	7	5	2	9	4	1
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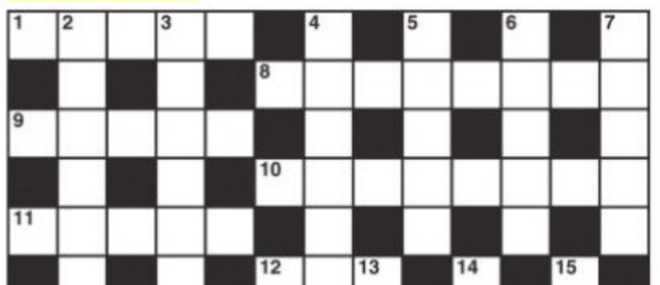
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Constructive member of society (5)
8 Joint vote wrongly cast in Irish parliament (8)
9 It pours tea to us quietly by design (5)
10 Did a menial job but made a grand exit (5,3)
11 Instruction book? (5)
12 Be after a familiar name for Lincoln (3)
16 Footholds in the financial world (6)
17 It may be pronounced with conviction (6)
18 Old witch from Carthage (3)
23 Make newer somehow (5)
24 Takes what ever is left (8)
25 He will shortly receive a ring and reply (5)
26 Strange virus one may pick up on holiday (8)
27 Soft and luxuriant pile fabric (5)

DOWN

2 H for Hook when in Peter Pan? (8)
3 Clue mixed with open abundance (8)
4 Horse and trap showing sign of neglect (6)
5 Provides food and lodging in castles (5)
6 Joan's going out with Argonauts' leader (5)
7 Dish used by photographers? (5)
12 Growing or burnt timber (3)
13 Thing laid on the table for breakfast maybe (3)
14 Genuine support for a team of stars (8)
15 High church features (8)
19 Get at a can on the outside (6)
20 Highest tree on the street (5)
21 Loudly call out after a plea for silence (5)
22 Colour for putting on (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Golf course, 6 Hoop, 10 Named, 11 Impressed, 12 Plethora, 13 Sites, 15 Regimen, 17 Olivier, 19 Hatpins, 21 Regatta, 22 Inset, 24 Atlantis, 27 Hermitage, 28 Trial, 29 Page, 30 Here and now.

Down: 1 Gyrt, 2 Lamplight, 3 Cadet, 4 Unicorn, 5 Soprano, 7 Onset, 8 Pedestrian, 9 Leashing, 14 Archbishop, 16 Maintain, 18 Intuition, 20 Sea kale, 21 Relieve, 23 Shrug, 25 Not on, 26 Flow.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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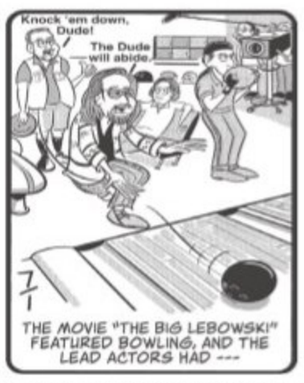

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

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ANSWERS TOMORROW

SATURDAY'S **Jumbles:**
WORRY AFOOT SESAME GOTTEN
ANSWER: The eagle had pulled a muscle and was – TOO SORE TO SOAR

DURATION OF PANDEMIC	CASES REPORTED	DEATHS	DISCHARGES
2 YEARS, 173 DAYS	■ 929 ◂ 1,186	■ 5 | ◂ 2	■ 987 | ◂ 1,118
		POSITIVITY RATE	MORTALITY RATE
		■ 5.90% | ◂ 5.90%	■ 1.00% | ◂ 0.99%
	TALLY	ACTIVE CASES	RECOVERY RATE
■ TODAY	■ 40,49,411	■ 7,859	■ 98.81%
◂ YESTERDAY	◂ 40,48,482	◂ 7,922	◂ 98.81%

B'Urban: 429	Cnagara: 30	Dharwada: 15	Kolara: 42	Shivamogga: 46
B' Rural: 25	Chikkaballapura: 15	Gadag: 1	Koppala: 4	Tumakuru: 28
Bagalakote: 0	Chikkamagaluru: 5	Hassana: 51	Mandya: 9	Udupi: 8
Ballari: 22	Chitradurga: 2	Haveri: 4	Mysuru: 77	Uttara Kannada: 13
Belagavi: 11	D Kannada: 20	Kalaburagi: 6	Raichuru: 17	Vijayapura: 1
Bidar: 0	Davanagere: 1	Kodagu: 18	Ramanagara: 29	Yadagiri: 0

Three B'luru startups win BITS Pilani event

Of 15 firms shortlisted, 4 selected to receive equity-less grant of ₹30L

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A clean technology firm, focusing on building hybrid cars that allow you to switch between electric and internal combustion engines at the switch of a button, was one of the three Bengaluru startups that won big at BITS Pilani's Conquest.

Of the 15 startups, shortlisted from over 1,500 applications, four have been selected to receive an equity-less grant of Rs 30 lakh each.

Of these, three are from Bengaluru. Winners were chosen based on three categories or tracks -- Pan India, BITSian and Web3.0.

Green Tiger Mobility, the cleantech firm, and Daffodil Health, a healthcare startup, won in the Pan India Track, where participants were invited from across the country.

Green Tiger is working on developing a hybrid vehicle, while Daffodil Health is a behavioural healthcare platform aimed at children.

The latter aims at giving parent-mediated therapy to children with behavioural and developmental disorders like autism, ADHD, dyslexia and others.

Conquest, run by around 30 engineering students from BITS Pilani's Centre of Entrepreneurial Leadership, is the first and largest student-run startup accelerator, hosting programmes every year to help startups get funding and mentors.

The Demo Day for the 18th edition of the accelerator programme was held in Bengaluru on Sunday, with 15 startups shortlisted to pitch their ideas to a panel of investors, industry leaders and others.

Another Bengaluru-based company StreamMoney won in the Web3.0 Track, where the focus is on startups developing or utilising technology related to Web3.0. StreamMoney focuses on the ability to transfer conditional ownership of non-fungible tokens (NFTs).

The startup is working towards making a utility protocol, allowing NFT owners to rent out or allow ticketing or subscriptions of their NFTs. This allows owners to add in a utility contract with their NFTs that allows access to their tokens for a limited period of time.

ON A ROLL

Children rollerskate during an awareness rally organised by the Karnataka Roller Skating Association on Sunday | EXPRESS

CCB RAIDS HOOKAH BAR ON CHURCH STREET

Bengaluru: The Central Crime Branch (CCB) sleuths on Sunday raided a hookah bar on Church Street and detained the employees and a group of minors. The accused were charging between Rs 500 and Rs 800 for a hookah. The police said that based on a tip-off, the Women and Narcotic Wing of the City Crime Branch raided the hookah bar and seized flavours worth Rs 3 lakh. Also, Rs 6,000 cash was recovered. The owner and manager were allowing minors to visit their premises. More than 50 under-aged students were found and the police called their parents and informed them about the incident. A case has been registered against the staffer with the Cubbon Park police station.

Two killed in separate road mishaps

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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TWO persons, including a 31-year-old woman, were killed in separate road accidents in the city on Saturday night.

A Gujarat-based fashion designer died while her friend was injured after a speeding truck collided with a bike on Chennasandra Main Road in Whitefield. The deceased Vaishali Patel and the injured Hemaraj were residing in Hope Farm in Whitefield. They were working in a private company.

The police said that the incident occurred around 2.30am when the duo was returning home after meeting their friends in Channasandra when a speeding truck collided with their bike. Vaishali, who was riding pillion, was run over. The passersby rushed the duo to a nearby hospital where Vaishali was declared brought dead.

The truck driver was driving the vehicle in the wrong direction in a reckless manner. Whitefield Traffic police are looking for him as he fled the scene.

In another incident, a 26-year-old employee of an MNC was killed on the spot and his friend was injured after they rammed the speeding bike into a car parked on the apartment premises. The incident occurred in HSR Layout late night. The deceased, Akshay M is from Kerala.

The police said that Akshay and his friend Ameez had gone out for dinner and at around 11.30pm, they were returning home. Akshay, who was recklessly riding the bike, tried to overtake a goods vehicle and rammed into the car. He sustained severe head injuries as he was not wearing a helmet, and died on the spot.

PENAL ACTION

Do not charge excess fare, private bus operators told

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Transport Minister B Sriramulu has warned private bus operators against collecting excess fare ahead of Gowri-Ganesha festival.

"It has come to my notice that some private bus operators have been collecting excess fare. I have instructed operators that they should collect fare as prescribed by the Transport Department. Penal action will be taken against those bus owners who are collecting excess fare," he added. The minister appealed to private bus operators not to exploit customers. "If anyone exploits helpless customers, they should be prepared to face action," he warned. KSRTC had recently announced operating 500 additional buses ahead of the festivities.

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B Sriramulu, Transport minister

Free medicine kits given to cancer patients

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

POOR lifestyle habits, alcohol, drugs and tobacco consumption have led to a rise in cancer cases, said Dr C Ramchandra, director, Kidwai Memorial Institute of Technology. Calling Bengaluru a drug hub, he said these habits are a major reason for all health issues, including obesity, infertility and cancer.

Speaking on the sidelines of the distribution of free medicine kits worth Rs 5,000 each to cancer patients on the occasion of the 54th Founder's Day organised by Karnataka Cancer Society (KCS), Dr Ramachandra said consumption of tobacco among women has seen a steep rise in cases in the past few years.

Society president HV Suresh said all patients, including those from above and below the poverty line, are provided treatment without bias, be it surgery or chemotherapy medicines. The association also provides support to the society, and provides medicines at 40 per cent discount, which has proved helpful.

In all, 106 cancer patients were given free medicine kits, and 12 patients in Mysuru were given the free kits two days ago. Doctors and past presidents associated with the organisation were also felicitated.

Dr Ramachandra said it was important to cater to all strata of society, and schemes like Aarogya Karnataka and Ayushman Bharat had proved to be extremely helpful.

Cervical cancer have reduced in recent times due to increased awareness about early testing, appropriate hygiene and the ills of child marriage.

The aim is to create awareness and help early detection of cancer, and provide appropriate treatment, he said.

QuoteExpress
PROBLEMS ARE NOT STOP SIGNS, THEY ARE GUIDELINES
ROBERT H SCHULLER

IN COURT OF THE HON'BLE XV ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BANGALORE (CCH:3)
P & S. C. No. 579 / 2022

BETWEEN:
1.Vinodkumar Gopaldas Hemdev, Son of Late Gopaldas Harbhagwandas Hemdev and Late Kanta Gopaldas Hemdev, Aged about 60 years, Residing at Flat No. 402, 4th Floor, Gulbahar Apartments, No. 10, Hare Krishna Road, High Grounds, Bangalore North Bangalore 560 001.
2.Mukesh Gopaldas Hemdev, Son of Late Gopaldas Harbhagwandas Hemdev and Late Kanta Gopaldas Hemdev, Aged about 53 years, Residing at Flat No. 402, 4th Floor, Gulbahar Apartments, No. 10, Hare Krishna Road, High Grounds, Bangalore North Bangalore 560 001.
3.Kanchan Hemdev, Daughter of Late Gopaldas Harbhagwandas Hemdev and Late Kanta Gopaldas Hemdev, Aged about 64 years, Residing at No. 2918 Irwin Road, Lashkar Mohalla, Mysore 570 001. ... Petitioners

AND:

NIL ... Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the above named have made a petition to this Court under Section 370 and 371 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 for the grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioner, in respect of the schedule mentioned below. The below-mentioned schedule has been held by Late Sri Gopaldas Harbhagwandas Hemdev @Gopaldas HarbagwandasHemden @ Gopaldas Narbhagwandas Hemdev @ Gopaldas Harbhagwandas @ Gopaldas H Hemdev @ Gopaldas Hemdev @ Gopaldas Harbhagwan Hemdev @ Gopal Harbhagwandas Hemdev and Late Smt. Kanta Gopaldas Hemdev @ Kanta Gopaldas Hemden @ K Gopwidas Hemdev @ Kanta Hemdev, the father and mother of the Petitioners who expired on 31.12.1991 and 08.01.1997, respectively in Bangalore.

Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed on **19th October, 2022 at 11:00 AM**, to show cause against the Petitioners failing which the petition will be heard and decided *ex-parte*.

SCHEDULE

**Equity Shares in Abbott India Limited,
Equity Shares in Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Ltd.
Equity Shares in Duphar-Interfran Ltd,
Equity Shares in Electrosteel Castings Limited,
Equity Shares in Frick India Limited,
Equity Shares in Greaves Cotton Limited,
Equity Shares in Kotak Mahindra Bank,
Equity Shares in Mahindra & Mahindra Limited,
Equity Shares in National Organic Chemical Industries Limited,
Equity Shares in Navin Fluorine International Limited,
Equity Shares and debentures in Nirlon Limited @ Nirlon Synthetic Fibres & Chemicals Limited,
Equity Shares in Prime Securities Limited,
Equity Shares in Rajasthan Spinning & Weaving Mills Limited,
Equity Shares and Debentures in Reliance Industries Limited,
Equity Shares in Schneider Electric Infrastructure Limited,
Equity Shares in Sesa Goa Limited @ Vedanta Limited,
Equity Shares and Debentures in The Gwalior Rayon Silks Manufacturing (Weaving) Company Limited @ Grasim Industries Limited,
Equity Shares in United Breweries Limited,
Equity Shares in XPRO India Limited.**

Given under the hand and seal of the court, this 23 day of August, 2022

By Order of the Court, Asst. Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore

Address for Service:
Akshay Kumar Jain V. and Tahura Anzar, Advocate
2nd Floor No. 19, Someshwaram Temple Street, Ulsoor, Bangalore 560 008.

KARNATAKA GRAMIN BANK

(A Scheduled Bank owned by Government of India; Sponsored by : Canara Bank)
Regional Office, Bengaluru – 560072 Karnataka
R & L Section
Ph-080-23186095, 23217079 Email:br2504@kgbk.in
No 19 &19-1, 2nd Floor, South End Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004

POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)
(UNDER RULE 8(1))

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of the **Karnataka Gramin Bank, Below Mentioned Branches** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers/ Mortgagors / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/ Mortgagors / Guarantors and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13 (4) of Said Act read with rules 8 of the said rules on mentioned dates.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Karnataka Gramin Bank for an below mentioned amount and interest thereon.

1) Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors: (1) Smt. Dhanamma w/o Murali and **2) Sri. Srinidhi** s/o Murali both are R/at No.15, 7-1, M.V.Extension, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru – 562114 and **3) Sri. Krishnamurthy G R** s/o Late Ramachandrappa (Guarantor) R/at Eranna Nilaya, Gangamma gudi road, V V Extension, Hoskote, Bengaluru –562114
Branch Name : Thirumalashettihalli
Demand Notice Dated: 09.06.2022 Possession Notice Dated: 23.08.2022
Outstanding Amount: Rs. 2,33,821/- (Rupees Two lakh Thirty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty One only) as on **22.07.2022** and interest from **23.07.2022**
Description of the Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of the property Eastern portion of Site No.12, Municipal Khatha No.10387/8093/12 situated at Sir. M. Visvesvaraiah Layout, Vinayakanagara, Hosakote town, Bengaluru Rural District measuring E-W: 30 and N-S: 20 Ft. This Property is in the name of **Smt.Dhanamma w/o Murali**. **Bounded By: East :** 20 Ft Road, **West:** Site No.13, **North:** Same No. Remaining property, **South:** 25 Ft Road.

2) Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors: 1) Sri. Muniraju .T .C S/o. Chikkappaiah and **2) Sri. Venkatesh T C** s/o Chikkappaiah both are R/at No. 5, Thirumalashettihalli, Bengaluru-560067 and **3) Sri. Narayanamurthy** S/o. Ramanna **(Guarantor)** R/at Thirumalashettihalli Cross, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru - 560067.
Branch Name : Thirumalashettihalli
Demand Notice Dated: 09.06.2022 Possession Notice Dated: 23.08.2022
Outstanding Amount: Rs. 4,13,773/- (Rupees Four lakh Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy three only) as on **20.08.2022** and interest from **21.08.2022.**
Description of the Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of the property Eastern portion Sl.No.418, Janjar/Khatha No.456, Property No.226 situated at Thirumalashettihalli Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District measuring E-W: 56 and N-S: 38 Ft. This Property is in the name of **Sri. Muniraju T C s/o Chikkappaiah & Sri.Venkatesh T C s/o Chikkappaiah. Bounded By: East :** Own property of Same No., **West:** Property of Chandrappa, **North:** Property of Chikkappaiah, **South:** 8 Ft Road.

3) Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors: Smt. Prema .C W/o. Kengalaiah and **2) Sri. Kengalaiah** S/o. Neelagowda both are R/at Khatha No.135/2, Property No.135/2, opp. to Govt. School, Channasandra (V), Bidarahalli (H), Bangalore East (Tq), Bengaluru - 560067 and **3) Sri. Lingaraju** S/o. Anjanappa **(Guarantor)** R/at # 131, old No.120, Sri Rama Temple St, Kadugodi (P), Bengaluru - 560067.
Branch Name : Bellandur
Demand Notice Dated: 16.04.2022 Possession Notice Dated: 23.08.2022
Outstanding Amount: Rs. 18,99,387.90 /- (Rupees Eighteen lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eighty seven and Ninety paisa only) as on **05.08.2022** and interest from **06.08.2022.**
Description of the Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of the property having Khatha No.135/2, Property no.135/2 situated at Channasandra (V), Bidarahalli (H), Bengaluru East (Tq), Bengaluru measuring E-W: 30ft and N-S: 40 ft totally 1200 Sq.ft. This Property is in the name of **Smt. Prema C W/o. Kengalaiah. Bounded By: East :** Property of Seenappa, **West:** 5 ft small passage through property of Bhagyamma and Ramegowda **North:** Property of Narayanappa, **South:** 10 Ft Road.

Date : 23.08.2022 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Karnataka Gramin Bank**

FINKURVE FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED

Corporate Office : Trade World, D-Wing, 2nd Floor, 202, Kamala Mill Compound Lower Parel (W), Mumbai, Maharashtra - 400013

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the Public that Auction of pledged Gold Ornaments will be conducted by **Finkurve Financial Services Limited** through his facilitated partner **Augmont Gold Tech Pvt. Ltd., On 02.09.2022 at 10:00 am** at **# 666/4, 1st FLOOR, SLR Building, Opp. Indian Oil Petrol Pump, Vidya Nagar, Sarjapura - 562125.** The Gold Ornaments to be auctioned belong to Loan Accounts of our various borrowers who have failed to pay their dues. Our notices of auction have been duly issued to these borrowers. The Gold Ornaments to be auctioned belong to Overdue Loan Accounts of our various borrowers mentioned below with branch name.

SARJAPURA : LRKWOQU4

For More Details, Please Contact : ARUN T. - 7019687029

(Reserves the right to alter the number of accounts to be auctioned & / postpone / cancel the auction without any prior notice)

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Mathikere : LRKV3XRQ, LRKVWEUN, MATH-BQB8, MATH-6DNI, MATH-96235.

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The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd

No.73/1, Gandhi Bazar Main Road, Bangalore - 560 004. Telephone : 2242 1999, 2661 9950. 2661 8092, 2661 8093, Fax 2661 9950 E-mail: admin.ao@ncbl.org.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised officer of **The National Co-operative Bank Limited** under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand notice dated **14.06.2022** calling upon the borrower **Sri.Ningappa Jalli.B** S/o Late Basappa Jalli and the co-obligant **(1) Smt.Basavarajeshwari** W/o Ningappa Jalli.B both are residing at No.201, Om Sri Sai Residency, 3rd Cross, Krishna layout extension, Madhuban layout colony, Hulimavu, Bengaluru-560076 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.33,05,069/-** (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Five Thousand Sixty Nine Only) and interest and other charges thereon from **01.06.2022** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The amount due as on **31.05.2022 is Rs.33,05,069/-** (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Five Thousand Sixty Nine Only) and interest and other charges thereon from **01.06.2022.**

The borrower and the co-obligant having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, co-obligant and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the Ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rule on this **29th day of August the year 2022.**

The borrower and the co-obligant in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The National Co-operative Bank Limited** for an amount of is **Rs.33,05,069/-** (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Five Thousand Sixty Nine Only) and interest and other charges thereon from **01.06.2022.**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing Site No.687, situated at B.T.M.Layout, 6th Stage, 1st Phase, Bangalore, BBMP katha No.534/687, Ward No.193, measuring East to West 12.19 metres and North to South 9.14 meters, totally 111.41 Sq meters together with all easmentary rights and appurtenance relating there to and bounded on. East by: Road, West By: Property No.690, North by: Property No.686, South by: Property No.201.

Date : 29.08.2022 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd**

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BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER (Only Through e-procurement Portal)

BWSSB invites Tenders from Registered Agencies for the following works.

Office of the Chief Engineer (East), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bengaluru-560009.

Sl No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to tender / EMD (In Rs.)	Last date & time for Submission of Tender	Date & time for Opening of Tender
1	East-2	BWSSB/EE(E)-2/PB/306/ 2022-23 Date: 26.08.2022 **(Call-3)**	Rs. 10,99,033/- / Rs. 27,476/-	05.09.2022 upto 4.00 pm	07.09.2022 after 4.00 pm

Sd/- Executive Engineer (East-2)

Office of the Chief Engineer (South), 7th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bengaluru-560009.

2	South West-1	BWSSB/EESW-1/TO/PB/ 169/2022-23 Date: 24.08.2022	1	Rs. 21,65,965/- / Rs. 50,000/-	12.09.2022 upto 4.00 pm	14.09.2022 after 3.00 pm
3			2	Rs. 84,15,791/- / Rs. 1,68,400/-		
4		BWSSB/EESW-1/TO/PB/186 /2022-23 Date: 26.08.2022		Rs. 20,24,038/- / Rs. 50,000/-	05.09.2022 upto 4.00 pm	07.09.2022 after 3.00 pm

Sd/- Executive Engineer (South West-1)

The Details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/1983/Zenkar/2022-23

Public Notice For E-Auction Cum Sale (Appendix - IV A) (Rule 8(6))

Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No.98,Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV,Gurgaon-122015.(Haryana) and **Branch Office at:- 3"ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002(hereinafter "Act"). Whereas the Auhorized Officer ("AO") of IIFL-HFL had taken the possession of the following property/ies pursuant to the notice issued U/S 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect nos. with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for realization of IIFL-HFL's dues, The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: www.bankeauctions.com.

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property/ Secured Asset	Date of Symbolic Possession	Reserve Price	Date of Inspection of property
1.M/s. Airwaave Communicado India Pvt.Ltd. 2.Mr. Darshan Kumar Chavan K. 3.Mrs. Shreyas R. Pawar (Prospect No 735427 & 736694)	31-Jul-2018 Rs.2,77,78,705/- (Rupees Two Crore Seventy Seven Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Five Only) Bid Increase Amount Rs.40,000/- (Rupees Forty Thousand Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing Flat No.B-405, 4th Floor, West Facing, Katha No.1022/41/5, Block-B, KPR Sunrise Square, Doddakannahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Marathalli Sub-Division, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560037 **(Built up Area:-1475Sq.Ft)** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Flat No.A-404, 4th Floor, West Facing, Katha No.1022, Block-A, KPR Sunrise Square, Doddakannahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Marathalli Sub-Division, Bangalore East Taluk, Karnataka - 560037 **(Built up Area:-1475Sq.Ft)**	05-Oct-2018 Total Outstanding As On Date **20-Aug - 2022 Rs.94,89,124 /-** (Rupees Ninety Four Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand One Hundred Twenty Four Only) Total Outstanding As On **20-Aug-2022 Rs.94,77,705 /-** (Rupees Ninety Four Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Five Only)	**Rs.40,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Lakh Only)** **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.4,00,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Only)** **Reserve Price Rs.40,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Lakh Only)** **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.4,00,000/-(Rupees Four Lakh Only)**	09-Sep-2022 1100 hrs -1400 hrs EMD Last Date 12-Sep-2022 till 5 pm. Date/ Time of E-Auction 14-Sep-2022 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.

Mode of Payment:- All payment shall be made by demand draft in favour of "IIFL Home Finance Limited" payable at Gurugram or through RTGS/NEFT The accounts details are as follows: **a) Name of the account:- IIFL Home Finance Ltd., b) Name of the Bank:- Standard Charted Bank Ltd., c) Account No:-53105066294, d) IFSC Code:-SCBL0036025 or through Payment Link: https://quickpay.iififinance.com**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-

1. For participating in e-auction, Intending bidders required to register their details with the Service Provider https://www.bankeauctions.com, well in advance and has to create the login account, login ID and password. Intending bidders have to submit / send their "Tender FORM" along with the payment details towards EMD, copy of the KYC and PAN card at the above mentioned Branch Office.
2. The bidders shall improve their offer in multiple of amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increase Amount". In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.
3. The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (after adjusting EMD) within 24 hours of the acceptance of bid price by the AO and the balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. All deposit and payment shall be in the prescribed mode of payment.
4. The purchaser has to bear the cess, applicable stamp duty, fees, and any other statutory dues or other dues like municipal tax, electricity charges, land and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates outgoings relating to the property.
5. Bidders are advised to go through the website **https://bankeauctions.com** and **https://www.iifl.com/home-loans/properties-for-auction** for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale & auction application form before submitting their Bids for taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
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7. Notice is hereby given to above said borrowers to collect the household articles, which were lying in the secured asset at the time of taking physical possession within 7 days, otherwise IIFL-HFL shall not be responsible for any loss of property under the circumstances.
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9. In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the above stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited (including EMD) and the property will be again put to sale.
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The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Tender/Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

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Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala is witnessing an increase in the flow of devotees and there is a need for a mini airport in Belthangady, said V Somanna, Minister for Housing and Infrastructure Development

Yediyurappa may have a say in appointing next state BJP chief

Santhosh camp wants Kateel to continue till polls; new president likely after Ganesha fest

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

CELEBRATIONS to mark **Nalin Kumar Kateel**'s three years in office as state BJP president were held on Sunday. While this could be the end of his term, there is also speculation that followers of party national general secretary BL Santhosh are pushing for an extension, at least till the state Assembly elections are held next year.

A member of this group told The New Indian Express, "Kateel has toured the state a record 21 times. Why should they change him in an election year? He has been performing well and should be retained. He should be hailed as a hat-trick hero with three back-to-back victories, as brought out in newspaper adverts on Sunday."

While the advertisement has messages from prominent leaders, conspicuously missing is party Parliamentary Board member BS Yediyurappa.

The former chief minister, who has been resurrected by the party central leadership, and the party state president, whoever it could be, will have a major say in distributing tickets in the Assembly polls. Yediyurappa will obviously want his nominee in this all-important party position.

Two days ago, Yediyurappa said in New Delhi that he wants to tour the state, while a section opposed to him is working hard to restrict him to the 30-plus constituencies where BJP lost the election in 2018 and expects to win with more effort.

Meanwhile, the names of Shobha Karandlaje, an Arebhashe Vokkaliga, Arvind Limbavalli, a Scheduled Caste, and CT Ravi, a Vokkaliga, are doing the rounds for the state party president's post. While the first two are said to be acceptable to the

Yediyurappa group, Ravi's candidature is being pushed by the Santhosh camp.

When Yediyurappa stepped down as chief minister, he insisted on passing on the baton to his confidant Basavaraj Bommai, a Lingayat. Some within the party wonder whether Yediyurappa will be allowed to have a say in the appointment of party president too. If that happens, he will emerge as the numero uno with the final say in the government and party.

Though, as per the party's unwritten rules, Yediyurappa should have been consigned to the Margadarshak Mandal, he has been made a member of the BJP parliamentary board and also Central Election Committee. But the moot question is whether the authority is real.

If the party central leadership expects him to bring in votes, he has to be given authority, says his camp, while the opponents insist that the two appointments are a big recognition and he does not need to have a say in matters concerning the party and election.

Sources said the new president is expected to be announced soon after the Ganesha Chaturthi festival.

CM Basavaraj Bommai and his principal secretary N Manjunath Prasad at the Bhovi community's event in Tumakuru on Sunday

WILL PICK CHAIRMAN OF BHOVI CORPN IN A WEEK: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tumakuru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai has been working towards winning over the backward classes ahead of the 2023 Assembly polls by attending a series of events besides announcing sops.

The CM declared that the chairman for the SC Bhovi Community Development Corporation will be appointed within a week for proper use of Rs 175 crore funds. During his address, he listed out the programmes his government has planned for the SCs,STs and OBC communities which include giving 75 units of free power to poor SC families. In an oblique manner, he attacked the previous governments for doing appeasement politics. "They were speaking about social justice for over two decades, but practically, did nothing," he alleged, in a veiled reference to Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah.

Around a hundred hostels, including five huge buildings, which can accommodate 1,000 students, will be opened for the SC/STs, and scholarship for students have been released, he said. "I will work tirelessly to uplift the poor, reaching out to the last person," he said. The communities have started rallying behind Bommai, and he is visibly leaving his predecessor BS Yediyurappa behind, who missed two successive events.

FIVE AGENDAS

Bharat Jodo Yatra to last 21 days in K'taka, will cover 25 km everyday

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Bharat Jodo march will be held for 21 days in the state from Gundlupet to Raichur, said Opposition leader Siddaramaiah and KPCC president DK Shivakumar during a press conference.

The participants will register and there is a plan that they will interact with the leaders till 11am. After that, the padayatra will continue till evening.

Considering the challenges to social harmony, and as Kuvempu has said, "Our land should become a garden of peace", every family is reeling due to inflation, high unemployment. Youth should get jobs and a corruption-free government in Karnataka, the Congress leaders said, and added that the lives of farmers and labourers should be made easier. These are the five objectives of the Jodo Yatra.

During the padayatra, people will walk 25 km everyday. People from all districts will be allowed to participate in this padayatra. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will walk the entire 3,500 km across the country.

Opposition leader Siddaramaiah and KPCC president DK Shivakumar address the media on Bharat Jodo Yatra in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

A Congress Legislature Party meeting will be convened on Sunday. Another meeting of the office-bearers will be held on Monday. All the leaders will share the responsibility during padayatra. The prominent leaders of the state will be present on September 19 at the inauguration ceremony of this yatra in Kanniyakumari on the September 7.

Leader of Opposition in the Council BK Hariprasad has been given the charge of the padayatra in the state, and KJ George and Saleem Ahmed have been given prominent places in the national-level committee with various responsibilities. In the coming days, a meeting will be held to decide who should walk for 21 days, and then they will be selected.

A public meeting will be held in Ballari for a day. There is a technical issue in Mysuru since Dussehra will be celebrated on October 4-5 and it will be decided after consulting the leadership.

Two girls undergo medical check-up, investigation begins in Pocso case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chitradurga

THE two girls who lodged a complaint against the pontiff of Murugha Mutt Dr Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, were brought to Chitradurga under tight security on Sunday, and their statements were recorded before the Child Welfare Committee.

After the completion of a four-hour long investigation, the minors were taken to Chitradurga district hospital, where medical examinations were conducted. The entire investigation process was videographed.

After the medical examination, the two girls were taken back to Government Bala Mandir with tight security provided by the investigation officer and Chitradurga DySP Anil Kumar. Meanwhile, investigating officers found out that one of the victims belongs to a Dalit community. This fact came to light on Sunday. Provisions of the Prevention of Atrocities Act against SC/STs are likely to be invoked against the seer," police officers said.

Some people shared an audio clip purportedly containing the voices of the seer and some of his confidantes. In the clip, the seer reportedly says he is ready for conciliation or a trial.

Oppressed sections protest

Members of oppressed sections from Davanagere staged a protest in front of Chitradurga's Murugha Mutt, and threw its weight behind the pontiff, Dr Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru. They alleged that people with vested interests have hatched a conspiracy to defame the pontiff. Convener of the forum Badada Anandaraju, Krishnappa, district president of Koracha Samaj, Davangere, Onarotti Mahantesh, Shivanagowda Patil, BJP leader Hanumegowda and others took part in the protest.

Former Harihar MLA HS Shivashankar said, "No one can become big by making baseless allegations. Truth will always prevail, and the pontiff will come out clean handed".

State president of Sharana Sene Marularadhya said, "During Samudra Manthan, both Amrutha and Visha (poison) came out and the truth will be out. The swamiji will be free." He alleged that those close to the mutt are behind the conspiracy and will be revealed by police.

Seers hold compromise meet

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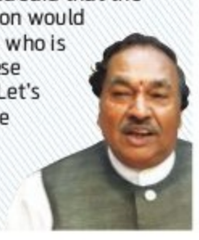
VISHWANATH also alleged that mutt's former administrative officer SK Basavarajan, is behind the false charges.

A case of sexual harassment and kidnapping has been filed against Basavarajan, a former MLA, in Chitradurga on a complaint from a woman, who is said to be a staffer at the mutt.

A few seers from Chitradurga district, along with supporters of the Murugha Mutt pontiff, held a compromise meeting with Basavarajan at some remote place, but no concrete decision has emerged out of the discussions, it is learnt.

I pray to god charges are false: KSE

SHIVAMOGGA: Former minister K S Eshwarappa said that he would pray to god that the Pocso charges against Chitradurga's Murugha Mutt seer Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru are proven false, and added that it is unfair to arrive at a conclusion when an investigation is underway. "I was sad when I heard about the allegations against the pontiff. I would pray to god that these allegations are proved baseless," he said. Eshwarappa said that the investigation would also reveal who is behind these charges. " Let's wait for the inquiry report," he said.



ONE MORE BABU TO BECOME NETA?

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AMID speculations that Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's principal secretary N Manjunath Prasad, a 1994-batch IAS officer, will contest in 2023 Assembly polls, Bommai praised Prasad during the Bhovi community convention held in Tumakuru on Sunday.

"I know him for a long time as an efficient and honest officer who can tackle crisis, and who always wants to be a part of solution. That's why I picked him as my principal secretary. You should take his success story as an inspiration," he told the gathering.

Prasad is politically connected. Revenue Minster R Ashoka was his classmate. His mother-in-law Mangamma Muniswamy was a former president of Kolar ZP, and his father-in-law Muniswamy was an IAS officer.

Sources said that Prasad is likely to take VRS if the BJP assures a ticket from any of the SC reserved constituencies including Koratagere, Nelamangala, Anekal, KGF, among others in the Old Mysuru region.

Retired IAS officer BH Anil Kumar has already been campaigning in Koratagere as the BJP candidate. So, Prasad might have to look for other seats, sources said.

Politics and logistics may be supporting him but he has to choose an assembly constituency which suits his profile and complements the crucial caste equations, observed a political pundit.

Speaking to TNIE, Prasad scotched rumours of joining politics. "Why should I take VRS when my 2.5 years of service is still left?" he said.

DISMAL SUCCESS RATE

Many bureaucrats have waded into political waters, but the success rate is dismal. Former IPS officers Revanasiddaiah, Subhash Bharani and Shankar Bidari, ex-IAS officers K Shivaram and Siddaiah had failed to win polls. Ex-chief secretary K Ratnaprabha had lost the Tirupati bypolls in Andhra in 2021. Whereas IPS officers Kodandaramaiah and HT Sangliana had won. But Hirekeruru MLA BC Patil, who took VRS as police inspector, has managed to be successful and become agriculture minister.

Azad's exit shows Cong in turmoil: Joshi

MALLIKARJUN HIREMATH @ Dharwad

THE exit of senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad is a testimony of turmoil in the party, said Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, adding that key leaders have already left Congress due to the arrogance of the top brass. There is an unhealthy competition of power in Congress which is leading to chaos, he said.

Regarding Pocso charges against Murugha Mutt seer Dr Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, he said that the police have registered a case, and it will be premature to comment on it. He confirmed that there will be no change of state president of the party. After the meeting with L&T and HDMC authorities, he assured that drinking water will be provided as per the needs of the public in every area. He had instructed the authorities to recruit new staffers and start the work. Regarding road widening of Hubballi-Dharwad bypass, he said that drone survey has been done, and the land actuation will commence.

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi during a meeting with L&T and HDMC authorities

Sweet times ahead for Mysugar, cane crushing starts from Aug 31

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

SUGAR Minister Shankar Patil Munenakoppa announced that the Mysugar sugar factory, which had stopped sugar production over the past four years, will resume crushing of sugar cane on a trial basis from August 31.

He inspected the different units of Mysugar factory on Sunday which were renovated, and added that Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will inaugurate the production on September 10. Measures have been extended to financially support the factory during its tough period, and the government has prepared technical reports and has directed officers to follow their advice so that factories do not incur losses by preventing pilferage.

CM Bommai has kept his word, Munenakoppa said, by reviving the Mysugar factory. Production will not stop in future, he added.

The defunct machinery was repaired which took time, he said, adding that Mysugar is the pride of the state. Bommai had sought technical reports that enabled them to make provisions for funds by deputing efficient and honest officers, he explained. The Mysugar factory with cogeneration and distillery will increase its profits through by-products, he said, and announced that the government will set up ethanol units in the future.

Factory to buy 4L tonnes of cane

The minister said that the Mysugar factory has made an agreement to buy 4 lakh tonnes of sugar cane grown in Mysugar factory limits in Mandya taluk. The government has remitted Rs 31 crore pending power bills to Cescom, and the working capital will be released in phases. The government has given permission for 33 sugar factories to set up ethanol units and it will be commissioned soon.

STRAWS IN THE WIND

Spot the silly, Cong wants Katti to quit

The elusive leopard of Belagavi, which has reportedly made the Golf Course its home for the past 24 days, has kept citizens and forest authorities on tenterhooks. Foresters, who were confident they could trap the animal in a couple of days, appear to have been outwitted. A week ago, Forest Minister Umesh Katti had declared that the leopard would be caught in three days. The Congress has now pounced on him and wants him to stand by his promise. A group of Congress women workers staged a protest in front of the Golf Course gate and demanded that Katti resign for this grand failure by his department. It is unlikely that Katti will be perturbed by the protest, for he had dismissed the recent transgressions by hyenas, elephants and leopards, saying, "I am the forest minister. It is possible they may have come to meet me."

'Dollu' unites, but Varuna divides

Opposition leader Siddaramaiah is known for his love for cricket and movies. Recently, he watched Kannada movie 'Dollu' (Drum) by debutant director Sagar Puranik, and was very appreciative about how the plight of the traditional art and drummers is depicted. A couple of days after Siddu watched it, former CM BS Yediyurappa's son B Y Vijayendra did too, and praised the storyline. These two men of similar ideas could yet be pitted against each other in Varuna when the 2023 assembly polls get under way, if the BJP high command so decides. But Vijayendra is already marshalling forces in Shikaripura, as advised by Yediyurappa, leading to speculation whether a deal has been struck between the two veterans.

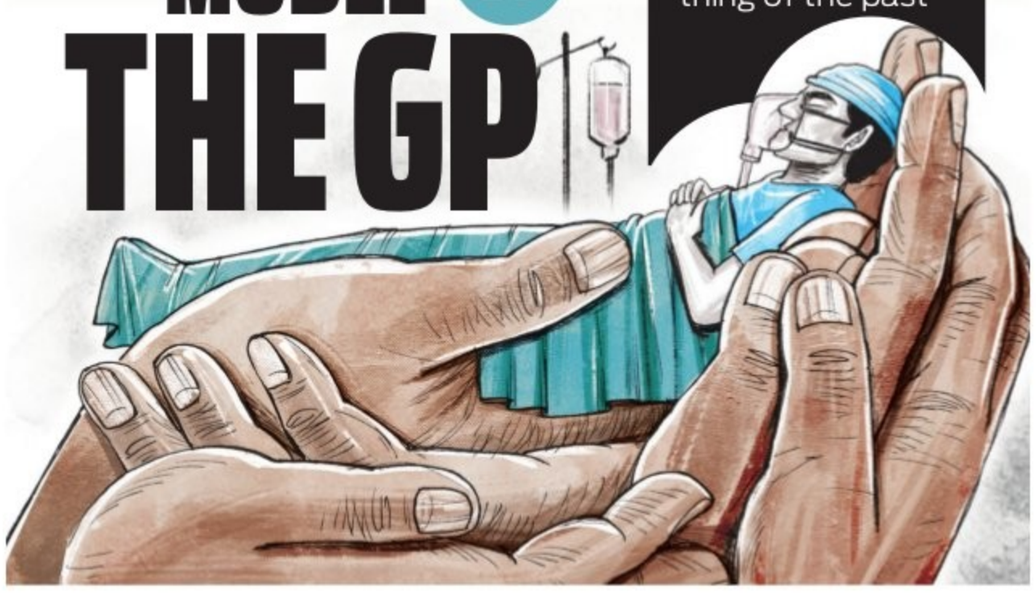
No khaki cover for Savarkar pictures

Of late, Hindu ideologue Vinayak Damodar Savarkar has become the BJP's poster boy, with right-wing groups vowing to put up his picture at Ganesha pandals for the upcoming festival. Now, a group in Tumakuru has already placed his photograph inside a Ganesha temple. It is said that SP Rahulkumar Sahapurwad instructed the Savarkar evangelists to make their own arrangements to guard pictures put up in public. His men in khaki have enough work on their hands during the festival, without having to guard photographs of a party hero.

Andhra Pradesh Minister for Housing Jogi Ramesh has predicted the defeat of TDP in all 175 Assembly constituencies, including Kuppam, the home segment of TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu, in the next elections

CORPORATE MODEL VS THE GP

With corporate hospitals taking over the health sector, the family doctor is a thing of the past



THE personal touch of the family doctor, crucial for the overall well-being of a patient, now belongs to another era. The advent of corporate, multi-brand hospitals have led to the slow demise of neighbourhood nursing homes, and more importantly, the General Physician.

While the government is promoting Public Health Centres (PHCs) and Namma Clinics on the lines of mohalla clinics to improve medical care, it has been able to do little to control the closure of nursing homes. Doctors blame the lengthy and costly legal establishment procedures, lack of trained nurses and availability of space as the main reasons.

Doctors also state that in family setups, the younger generation does not want to continue with parents' clinics, but work with big brands for better recognition and professional success. Rising competition and the corporate setup of large hospitals is leading to the death of clinics, they add.

This is the era where treatment has become investigation. Nowadays, patients are not content if the doctor does not prescribe a blood test or CT scan, nor are doctors happy to prescribe simple medicines and give a word of good advice, admitted Dr Vivek Dorai, Deputy Director (medical-2), Karnataka Private Medical Establishments (KPME).

According to KPME, there are 30,000 private medical establishments in the state, across 18 categories, apart from large corporate and super specialty hospitals. A senior health department official admitted: "There is no ready availability of data of how many have shut down in the past five years. It is unfortunate but true, that corporate hospitals have become the trend."

Dr Kanchi Pralhad V, Vice-President, Karnataka Medical Council, recollected that he had set up his clinic with Rs 6,000, around 30 years ago. But now, after investing lakhs of rupees, even if a doctor gets 20 patients a day, it is not viable. Despite the growth in large hospitals, patients still trust neighbourhood doctors.

UDUPI: End of a relationship

The emergence of the corporate model of hospitals in the last decade has significantly changed the doctor-patient relationship, noted Dr M V Holla, a family physician practicing in Manuru-Kota. With some corporate hospitals opening rural franchises and treatment covered by insurance policies, patients too have adjusted to the new model, but this model has negatively impacted the traditional relationship, he said. "Everything seems to be business, and unhealthy competition has put the interest of patients on the back seat," he added. General practitioners have been reduced to counsellors, with patients availing of treatment at big hospitals, he said.

GADAG: Small clinics preferred

In Gadag, the situation is very different. Here, Bachelors of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery (BAMS) doctors are attracting more footfall as people prefer small clinics after the pandemic. MBBS and MD qualified professionals are also successful. Some private doctors recently urged the Gadag Institute of Medical Sciences to shift the Women and Children Hospital 8km away from the city, as it was affecting their business.

Pediatricians, neonatologists, ophthalmologists and others are running their own hospitals, besides working as consultants at some hospitals. Residents say that doctors in private hospital charge hefty fees. Last month, the health department also issued a notice on this.

HASSAN: Healthcare hub

Hassan city has become a medical hub with 15 private hospitals running in different areas, and doctors are constantly searching for land to construct nursing homes.

Apart from a super specialty hospital coming up at the premises of Hassan Institute of Medical Sciences, six general practitioners closed their clinics due to lack of patients in the past five years. At least nine physicians stopped practice and joined private hospitals in the last decade.

In the changed scenario, patients want hi-tech facilities and treatment at prominent private hospitals. Siddaraju, who was admitted to a private hospital for stomachache and discharged recently, said doctors recommended different types of tests after admission, which is a burden for patients.

KOLAR: Docs looking for big salary

Senior physician Dr Dias said people expect good service and demand more facilities, but at a low cost. Nowadays, those who complete MBBS choose MD and MS, or any specialised course by paying a big fee, and have no alternative but to work in corporate hospitals for a substantial salary, said Dr Dias, who has 30 years of experience. In the evenings, they prefer to practice in hospitals as consultants, which is why corporate hospitals are popular.

BIG PICTURE

Earlier, family physicians would visit patients' house on request, now the system has changed, said K Jayaraman, a businessman.

SHIVAMOGGA: Status quo

The district has not seen any significant number in the increase or decrease of nursing homes in the past five years. District Health Officer Dr Rajesh Suragihalli said the number of private and small clinics has increased. "The clinics include allopathy and ayurveda. It is also a fact that small nursing homes and clinics do not have the capital to compete with corporate hospitals," he said. The public feels that medical costs have increased.

KALABURAGI: Where GPs thrive

There is no threat to neighbourhood nursing homes and general practitioners in Kalyana Karnataka region, with at least one GP at every kilometre in Kalaburagi city. The main problem exists in rural areas, where doctors hesitate to open clinics. People still depend on GPs for common diseases, and if the matter turns serious, they refer patients to corporate hospitals.

A district surgeon of Gulbarga Government Hospital denies that the number of patients opting for treatment in government hospitals has declined due to corporate hospitals. District Surgeon Dr A M Rudrawadi said after the Ayushman Bharat Scheme came into existence, the number of patients in government hospitals has increased.

CHITRADURGA/ DAVANAGERE: Few clinics here

There are few neighbourhood clinics, barring a few old medical practitioners who are Registered Medical Practitioners, in Chitradurga and Davangere. Dr Kantharaj, an octogenarian practitioner in Chitradurga, said abolition of the Medical Council of India and formation of the National Medical Commission led to these problems. "Corporatisation of healthcare has led to closure of small clinics. The KPME has become draconian for small-time practitioners. They have to follow biomedical waste management, set up bathrooms, provide spacious rooms and other facilities which are not available in small clinics. The government is also giving support to corporates," he said.

MANGALURU: Future in corporate hospitals

Since the 90s, following privatisation of healthcare and higher education, everything has changed. The quality of medical education has nosedived, graduates are not interested in returning to mofussil areas, and postgraduation has become the norm. There is a hype about super-specialty treatment and corporatisation of healthcare. Corporate hospitals are getting many facilities. The future of health seems to be in corporate hospitals engaging AYUSH trainees to manage villages through telemedicine, said Dr Srinivas Kakkilaya, a senior physician.

Nursing homes have not aligned to the changing times, nor do outreach work to support the community. The nursing home model is dying due to changed times, said Dr Edmond Fernandes, Director, Edward & Cynthia Institute of Public Health, Mangaluru.

DHARWAD: Giant hospitals fashionable

The concept and projects of the government are only for gaining popularity. These days, it has become a trend for young doctors to construct giant hospitals. This has impacted clinics in small areas, which catered to people for many years. Large hospitals hire doctors catering to small areas to manage the rush. Patients who would get treatment at local hospitals at minimum cost now have to pay huge amounts at nursing homes. The popularity, advertisements and other activities force hospital authorities to charge more to level their expenses. While there is no notable decline in clinics, doctors frequently change as they get better offers from private hospitals.

(Inputs from Bosky Khanna, Namrata Sindhwani/Bengaluru, Prakash Samaga/Udupi, Raghu Koppar/ Gadag, Udaya Kumar/ Hassan, Velayudham/ Kolar, Marx Tejaswi/ Shivamogga, Ramkrishna Badseshi/ Kalaburagi, G Subash Chandra/ Chitradurga/ Davangere, Divya Cutinho/ Mangaluru, Mallikarjun Hiremath/ Dharwad)

ELSEWHERE IN SOUTH

SL Navy arrests six Indian fishermen

RAMESWARAM: The Sri lankan Navy has arrested six Indian fishermen hailing from Rameswaram and seized their boats for allegedly trespassing the International Maritime Boundary Line. Condemning the arrests, all fishermen associations in Rameswaram staged a protest urging the Indian government to take steps for the release of those arrested. "Around 465 boats from Rameswaram ventured into the sea on Saturday. One boat, consisting of six fishermen, was seized," said an fisheries department official. **ENS**

Govindan is Kerala CPM secretary

T'PURAM: The CPM in Kerala on Sunday effected a smooth change of guard at its helm electing Excise and Local Self Government Minister M V Govindan as the party state secretary in place of an ailing Kodiyeri Balakrishnan. The CPM state committee named the 69-year-old Govindan, a party central committee member known for his firm stance and ideological commitment, as its new state chief after taking into consideration the opinion of Kodiyeri, who stepped down due to ill health. With Govindan's ascent, the second Pinarayi Vijayan cabinet is set to go for an overhaul. The cabinet reshuffle will be effected after the ongoing assembly session. He is known as the 'soft and firm face' of the party. Govindan, a state committee member since 1992, had served as Kannur district secretary of the CPM. **ENS**

KCR urged to unite farmers to fight anti-ryot policies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

TRS supremo and Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao, who is trying to garner the support of farmers across the country, has decided to establish farmers' offices at several places in all states, including Hyderabad and Delhi, for a better link between the south and the north. Rao, who is eyeing a key role in the national politics, as part of its efforts to unify the country's farmers, held a meeting with around 100 farmers from 26 States for the second consecutive day at Pragathi Bhavan here on Sunday.

While the attendees urged Rao to unite and lead the farmers, the meeting resolved to create a common platform — Farmers Ikya Vedka. The participants agreed to meet again to finalise the formalities for the proposed Vedika.

Several farmers from Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala and West Bengal said that they would follow the suggestions of Rao and continue their agitation against what they called the anti-farmer policies of the Union Government. The meeting opposed the Centre's proposal to fix meters to agriculture motors, its import policy and corporatisation of agriculture among others.

While opposing the agriculture policies of the Narendra Modi government, participants from Tamil Nadu urged Rao to take the initiative in mobilising the farmers. "The entire country is inviting you. Please save the Indian farmers," they urged Rao.

Creating new India

Leaders of South India Farmers' Union too said the rebuilding of a new India was possible only under the leadership of Rao. Raghavendra Kumar, an SC farmer from Uttar Pradesh, said that Dalit Bandhu was a revolutionary scheme and it should be implemented across the country.

Addressing the farmers, Rao said that the aim should be make 'avval darja kisan' (top rank farmer)". "Those who opposed separate Telangana too gave 'Jai Telangana' slogan later. On the same lines, those who were acting against the interests of farmers should give 'Jai Kisan' slogan. For to happen, all the farmer from across the country should work unitedly," the CM added.

"Farmers movement and politics should go hand in hand," he added. He also revealed his plans to hold a meeting with agriculture scientists, economists and intellectuals at the earliest to protect the agriculture sector.

Leaders of farmer unions greet Telangana CM K Chandrashekar Rao in Hyderabad on Sunday

No one can destroy AIADMK, says EPS

ENS @ Chennai

Almost 15 months have passed by since the DMK-led government came to power, yet Tamil Nadu has witnessed no remarkable developments so far, said former CM **Edappadi K Palaniswami** here on Sunday. Palaniswami said the state is being lauded for its progress because of the efforts of former CMs J Jayalalithaa and MG Ramachandran to make Tamil Nadu prosperous.

Lashing out at former CM O Paneerselvam without taking his name, he said whoever tries to break the party would be taught a lesson by its cadre and added that such a person's dream to destroy the party would never come true. "The very people who claim to be the Jayalalithaa's followers led the mob that destroyed the party office. Now they wish to join hands with me," he further remarked.

"When a leader who should be protecting the party is involved in disrespecting it, how could he be a good leader?" Palaniswami asked.

I only want to reunite party cadres, says OPS

ENS @ Theni

REFUTING several AIADMK functionaries' claims that he was hungry for power, party leader **O Pannerselvam** said he has no aim to become the chief minister or the party chief. "All I want to do is to reunite the party cadre," he told media persons at his residence in Periyakulam.

Addressing media persons, the former CM said, "MG Ramachandran created AIADMK with a view to serve the common people. Following his footsteps, former CM J Jayalalithaa ruled Tamil Nadu and led the party effectively. This same party is going through a crisis now due to Edappadi K Palaniswami. I was Jayalalithaa's most trusted person and she never told me to step down from any post."

Recalling the party's split following MGR's demise, Pannerselvam said the leaders had then managed to reunite the cadre and achieved success for a long time. "So, our past experiences have taught us many lessons.

Angry over cat meowing, minor sets pet owner on fire

ENS @ Hyderabad

IN a shocking incident, a 17-year-old youth murdered his neighbour by dousing him with petrol while he was sleeping and then setting him on fire, just because he was angry that the victim's cat kept him awake at night with its meowing.

To make matters worse, the 20-year-old roommate of the juvenile accused tried to mislead the police by lodging a complaint that the death of Ejaz Hussain, also 20, was due to a fire accident at Road No. 10 in Banjara Hills. According to the police, the juvenile and Harishwar Reddy from Nallapur of Rangareddy district shared a room while Ejaz Hussain and Brian Stilling shared another room in the same house. In mid-August, while returning from work, Ejaz and Brian found a cat on the road and brought it home as a pet. The constant meowing disturbed the sleep of the juvenile and Harishwar, and late on Thursday, the teenager doused a sleeping Ejaz with petrol and lit a match.

A new worry: After lights out, solar panel waste can be hazardous

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

WHILE the Karnataka State Government is promoting green energy, little or no thought has been given on handling the solar panel waste.

Now, used solar panels are dumped in landfills and are treated as regular waste. Recyclers too hesitate to recycle the panels, with the production cost of new panels coming down drastically over the last few years. Environmentalists point out that the solar module waste is not covered under the current solid waste management rules policies, which may lead to big environmental concerns later.

"Bengaluru does not have a separate centre to recycle or dispose of solar waste," said Vinod, owner of V1 Energy, a solar energy equipment supplier. If there is less waste, it is usually dumped with regular waste, if there the numbers are big, they are sent to scrap centres. Vinod said he does not prefer recycling because it is expensive and manufacturing new panels is way cheaper. The draft Karnataka Renewable Energy Policy for the next five years, brought out by the Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL), does not have any mention of disposing of solar panel waste. What is worrying is that this waste could mount to enormous levels, because Karnataka is among the leading states in the renewable energy (RE) sector. "The panels installed in the early 2000s are on the verge of expiry and will be discarded in a few years. This will generate large amounts of waste, and if the country does not come up with a waste management policy at the earliest, we will not be able to handle the waste at the eleventh hour," said Ayush Shukla, manager, National Solar Energy Federation of India (NSEFI). An environment officer from the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board admitted that there is a need for a policy that should be chalked out by the Centre. Best practices from other countries should be adopted while formulating the policy, he added.

A report by the Bridge To India (BTI), a renewable energy consulting firm, stated that the volume of photovoltaic (PV) panel waste in the country is estimated to grow to 2,00,000 tonnes by 2030 and to around 1.8 million tonnes by 2050.

Most solar recycling plants only remove silver and copper from the cells. They burn the glass and plastic casings in cement ovens to recycle them. Incineration releases toxins and greenhouse gases into the environment. "Since the process is expensive and time-consuming, companies find it better to dispose of the dead panels in landfills or export them to third-world countries," said Poorna Khanna, an environmentalist.

Studies have shown that heavy metals in solar panels, including lead and cadmium, can contaminate groundwater and affect plant life. Records also show that these metals can cause harm to human health, she said.

INJURED A DISCUS THROWER

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"FORTUNATELY, no injuries occurred to his brain," the sources added.

Indresh is a discus thrower and was about to take part in the event when the incident occurred.

As the hobli-level sports meet was in progress, the students were practising and the authorities at the stadium were unaware of students picking up javelins and throwing them. Some years ago, a college student had sustained a severe injury as the discus had hit his head.

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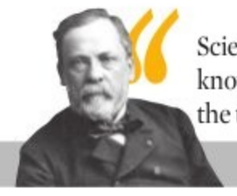

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Louis Pasteur

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— Ramnath Goenka

CAPEX-LED BANK CREDIT GROWTH YET TO TAKE OFF

With bank credit growth at 14.2% for the quarter ending June—the highest since December 2016—market watchers have begun rooting for the next credit cycle to take off at any moment. After a dismal 5% credit growth in FY21, bank lending improved to 9.6% in FY22. Chances are we could see the return of double-digit growth this fiscal unless macroeconomic uncertainties throw some unpleasant surprises. With capacity utilisation at 75%, banks see renewed demand from corporates, which until recently were banking on overseas borrowings or the corporate bond market.

But that low-interest rate advantage no longer exists. And though the headline number is heartening, granular details indicate that a broad-based credit uptick is some quarters away. For one, the much-awaited 'capex mahotsav' with large corporates anchoring the credit cycle is yet to begin. Loans to large industries are the biggest drivers of a credit cycle and account for 21% of total bank credit. But that segment is yet to de-freeze. The latest RBI data on fresh sanctions to long-term projects shows a 90% jump to ₹1.4 lakh crore in FY22. But, it's way below the ₹4 lakh crore disbursed during the peak of the previous corporate investment cycle in FY11. Mega projects of over ₹500 crore saw fewer sanctions at ₹0.5 lakh crore after FY14 compared to ₹1.8 lakh crore seen in FY11, clearly indicating that corporate growth isn't on an upswing.

That said, having healed from the past excesses, both lenders and borrowers seem ready for a fresh start. But every credit cycle brings its own set of bad loans. They aren't completely avoidable, but holding them at manageable levels is essential, unlike the just-concluded NPA bout, which saw countless insolvencies. The onus solely is on banks to steer clear of over-leveraged borrowers and unviable projects to avoid causing systemic trouble. The banking regulator should have a knowledge repository for a top-down view of funded projects. The government must simultaneously improve the insolvency process and reduce resolution time from the current average of 500 days.

HEALTH, EDU ROAD MAP NEEDED IN K'TAKA

The Karnataka Health Vision Group released its report titled 'Advancing People's health in Karnataka: Vision for Progress' on Wednesday. It is a roadmap for health care for the next 25 years. It recommends an increase in the state's investment in health care to 8% of the gross domestic product by 2025 from 4.7% in 2019. It focuses on better intervention, integration, implementation, innovation and investment. It also focuses on the three domains of strengthening public health systems, implementing health programmes and identifying emerging public health topics. The goals for 2030 and beyond include increasing the percentage of households covered by health schemes or health insurance and spending on health and social protection. Other goals include reducing undernutrition among children, anaemia among pregnant women and children under five, and the incidence of TB and HIV/AIDS.

However, despite a promising report for the future of the health sector, it leaves many aspects unattended. It includes the common person's vulnerability to a highly corporate world of hospitals, the onslaught of which is forcing the closure of nursing homes which were affordable and accessible to the general public. It fails to deal with the high medical education costs, discouraging young graduate doctors from serving in rural areas. They prefer working in urban-centred corporate hospitals to be able to repay substantial education loans. It does not address the issue of how hospitals play on insurance to drive patients through unwanted tests, nor does it touch upon the various nexuses in the medical world that subject patients and families to untold financial miseries outside of insurance coverage.

Implementing the vision group's recommendations will hold no meaning if prevailing malpractices in the medical field are allowed to continue in the background of increased investments and "corporatisation" of hospitals. The ruling disposition should understand the symbiotic nature of health and education, and structure future road maps by taking both into account simultaneously, not independently as has been done. This will ensure people's welfare, happiness and better work productivity.

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COURT ISN'T THE FORUM TO TAKE CALL ON FREEBIES

KAPIL SIBAL

Senior lawyer and member of Rajya Sabha

SOUMYADIP SINHA

The Supreme Court recently called for introspection in the context of political parties' "freebies" promise, often on the eve of elections to State Assemblies or to Parliament. The debate in court was robust. With the Prime Minister publicly mocking the prevalence of "revdi" culture, the government in the Supreme Court urged it to set up a committee for eliciting the possible way forward. It was quite apparent that the government was worried about Kejriwal's "free electricity and free water" promises paying him rich political dividends. Our Prime Minister cautioned the youth not to be lured by such promises and called for the removal of this "freebie" culture from the country's politics. This concern may be genuine, but the Prime Minister's posture was hypocritical.

Perhaps the Prime Minister forgot that the "revdi" culture that he is openly opposed to was very much part of the BJP culture, considering that a few months ago, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced a 50% reduction in power tariff on agricultural use to directly benefit over 13 lakh users in rural and semi-rural areas. In fact, in the run up to the February 2022 Assembly elections, the BJP promised two crore tablets or smartphones under the Swami Vivekananda Yuva Sashaktikaran Yojana. Also, the President of the BJP announced that free 'scooties' will be given to meritorious college girls to empower the women of the state.

The party also promised financial assistance up to ₹1 lakh for the wedding of girls belonging to poor families. Two free LPG cylinders were assured under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana every Holi and Diwali. Financial aid was also promised to be hiked from ₹15,000 to ₹20,000 under the Mukhya Mantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana. The BJP also declared a free commute in public transport for women passengers above 60 years of age and free electricity to farmers.

Similarly, in October 2021, the Madhya Pradesh government approved a subsidy of over ₹15,700 crore in power bills for farmers and continued a subsidy of ₹4,980 crore for domestic electricity consumers for the year 2021–22. Similar benefits of 125 units of free electricity to consumers costing the state exchequer about ₹250 crore as also waiver of water bills in rural areas were announced by the Himachal Pradesh government in April 2022. It also announced a 50% discount in travel fares of state buses and financial assistance of ₹1,500 per month to all women aged between 18 and 60 years.

Ahead of the Manipur Assembly elections, the BJP promised ₹25,000 to girls from economically weaker sections under the 'Rani Gaidinliu Nupi Maheiroi Singi Scheme' and to increase the monthly pension for senior citizens from ₹200 to ₹1,000, if voted back to power.

How do such public announcements match with the "revdi" culture that the Prime Minister now talks about? Obviously, the Prime Minister is not opposed to the "revdi" culture for he embraces it wherever the BJP is in power, be it in Uttarakhand, Manipur or for that matter, in Gujarat. The BJP also embraced this culture during the 2020 Delhi Assembly elections. How does the Prime Minister also justify the reduction in corporate tax from 30% to 22% for domestic companies that did not avail themselves of tax incentives or exemptions and a reduction to 15% from 25% for new manufacturing companies, which was announced by the Government in 2019, resulting in a giveaway of ₹1.4 lakh crore of possible tax collection?

> What promises should be made at the time of the elections cannot be regulated by law because the making of promises is also a part of free speech. Ultimately, it is the elector who must decide who to believe and who not to believe. The outcome of an election determines which political party making such promises enjoys the confidence of the people

The problem is that, in a society seeped in poverty, many of the subsidies offered may well be consistent with the goals set out in the Directive Principles of State Policy, which essentially mandate the government to ensure that the economic resources of the State are so distributed as to subserve the common good. Therefore, they can be rationally justified as essential for the upliftment of the deprived millions.

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A salvo was fired in court through a public interest litigation in the hope that the court might pass some order by which the government can start regulating such "freebies" in the upcoming state elections. Instead, the court referred the matter to a three-judge bench to decide the question of "freebies" and suggest a way forward. I believe the court is not the forum where such matters can be resolved. This debate has both economic and political overtones. It is the responsibility of the government and political parties to resolve such issues. The court must not involve itself in what is essentially a matter that must be resolved politically.

To gain credibility on this issue, the Prime Minister must explain why he did not go public on the so called "revdi" culture issue when BJP governments were making announcements for garnering votes. If not, this may well be regarded as a "political jumla".

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THE CANAL ON THE KAVERI

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

It's been raining heavily, and water has flooded the land in parts. Lives were lost, a bridge collapsed, and croplands were submerged. In this scenario, a tale comes to mind that I would like to retell about the Kaveri Canal. It is a true story that I found in the Silver Jubilee Souvenir, 2008, of the Kaveri Delta Farmers' Association of Tamil Nadu. It was apparently first recorded in the 19th century in the *Tanjore District Gazetteer* during the British Raj. If this story has a moral or inspiration, it is that truth can indeed be stranger than fiction, and if nobody is hurt and it's for a worthwhile cause, it's alright in this ancient land to go with the flow.

That was the case at any rate in 1804 when the British rebuilt the Grand Anicut on the Kaveri. 'Anaikattu' in Tamil means a holding structure like a canal or dam. The Grand Anicut was made by King Karikala Chola in the early years of the last millennium and is one of the oldest canals in the world still in use. It was built to regulate the monsoon waters overflowing from the Kaveri to the river Kollidam. Boulders were laid across the riverbed like a long snake. A grand canal was made—1,008 feet long, 40 to 60 feet wide, and 15 to 18 feet high. It was the largest civil work made for the public good anywhere in India until the British engineers arrived.

Between 1804 and 1806, the British made some repairs and began to add sluice gates and an overhead bridge to Karikala's canal. After a massive effort of many months, when the water gates were raised, at last, an inspection officer found that the 19th span of the bridge on the Kollidam side had collapsed overnight. It was rebuilt with greater care over the next month but promptly collapsed again. They remade it for the third time with the closest supervision, but no, all of a sudden, it fell down again in a mass of stone and rubble.

The stupefied engineers wondered what was going wrong. A strange story came out in the agitated discussion that followed these catastrophes. The construction inspector reluctantly revealed that on the night of the first collapse, Lord Hanuman, revered as the guardian deity of the Kaveri Delta's rice fields, had appeared to him in a dream. Lord Hanuman had told him, "There is a fault underneath in the riverbed. But my idol is lying under the broken span. Unearth it and make me a shrine there so that I may guard this bridge across the waters as I am meant to for the welfare of the people."

> Not unnaturally, Capt J L Caldwell, the British military engineer in charge, laughed at this fanciful story. But he himself had a terrible dream that night about *vanaras*. It was so vivid that he told his fellow officers about it the next day and was scoffed at in turn. The engineer was glad to be persuaded that it was all nonsense but despaired of a practical solution

"I would not have mentioned it if the span had not collapsed for the third time even after all the care we took," said the construction inspector, greatly embarrassed but too worried to hold back, for the serial collapses defied all logic.

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This was so uncannily precise that the next day, without further ado, the engineer had his team excavate under the rubble. Under the 19th span, lay the promised idol, rather a square slab of granite, with a lively figure of Lord Hanuman carved on it in the temple style of over a thousand years ago. Was it a relic of those times that had been disturbed? Who knew that this idol's time had come to see the light of day? After three spectacular and mysterious collapses, the engineer was taking no chances. A shrine was built at once, its consecration speedily performed, and the British addition to the Anicut was remodelled as directed by Capt Caldwell's dream. It is reportedly holding up well more than 200 years after these curious events took place along the old Chola canal. Perhaps it is this incident that partly inspired Rudyard Kipling's story in 1893, *The Bridge Builders*.

I am told that every year before the planting of the *bhogam* or first paddy crop, the farmers ceremonially offer their paddy seeds at this shrine and then to the river. Only then is the water for irrigation released from the sluices of the Grand Anicut.

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Ghulam Nabi Azad's exit

This is with reference to the column by Editor Santwana Bhattacharya, *The inside man and the exit door* (August 28). This column gives a good idea about Ghulam Nabi Azad's tenure as Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir as well as the other positions that he has held. One thing about him is that he always kept his thoughts sealed, away from the prying eyes of anyone within or outside the party. It is sad that he has left the Congress. Amid all the realignment buzz in the party, Azad would have been the most ideal person to take the party forward.

K Nehru Patnaik, Visakhapatnam

Azad's move for freedom

Apropos of the column, *The inside man and the exit door* (August 28). Of all the parties in the electoral fray today, the Congress seems to have become the party from which leaders quit. Although the Congress may have a lot of reflecting to do, Azad seems to have played his cards adroitly. Who knows–if he decides to start his own party, the BJP might just swoop in with support.

C V Aravind, Chennai

Bilkis Bano case

I condemn the release of the culprits in the Bilkis Bano case. This is completely unacceptable. Clearly, this is nothing but a blatant show of strength to cock a snook at the victim. The Central government ought to advise Gujarat to roll back the remission of sentence of the 11 convicts. Since the matter is now before the Supreme Court, it must introduce corrections and restore justice.

Akhila Gopalan, Trichy

India's education

This is with reference to *The sadness of the university* (August 28). The columnist rightly says, "We also lack a sense of the university as a way of life." Although there have been many improvements in the Indian education system in the last few years, it still lacks project-based learning. Vocational skills have taken a backseat for a long time now. If changes are made, it can go a long way.

P Victor Selvaraj, Palayamkottai

Soren's scam

The Election Commision of India has sent a detailed opinion to Jharkhand Governor Ramesh Bais regarding Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren's direct involvement in the coal mine scam. Hemant allegedly allotted a lease to himself simply because his power made it easy to do so. Instead of discharging his duties as CM honestly and channelising his energy towards the betterment of the downtrodden, he abused his office for personal gain.

Rajamani Chelladurai, Tirunelveli

Places of worship

The Kerala High Court has taken a good decision by ordering the closing of places of worship that do not have the required permissions. The High Court noted that places of worship are 3.5 times the number of hospitals in the state. The government looks the other way, probably for the sake of appeasement. If this continues, what will the state of law and order be?

K S Sajjit, Ottapalam

Kerala uniforms

Apropos of an editorial *Gender justice idea runs into political reality* (August 26). As the editorial has rightly pointed out, gender-neutral clothing will help girls evade the male gaze. People need to stop labelling pants as 'masculine'. Religious organisations also need to realise this. Gender-neutral clothing is a step towards gender equality.

Geetha B K, Mangaluru

B'luru must tackle sewage

It is terrible to know that 32 mass fish-kills have taken place in Bengaluru's lakes in the last five years. The reasons are sewage water, chemicals and industrial effluents. Money has been been spilled into revamping lakes, but no one thought about attacking the root cause of the problem first. The basic problems must be tackled.

S V Venkatakrishnan, Bengaluru

Gov Arif speaks out

Apropos of Express Dialogues' interaction with Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan. No sane individual will blame the Governor for calling the historian Irfan Habib a "goonda". Irfan was most suited to the taste of the ruling LDF in Kerala—considering the incident at the Kannur University, when a foolproof plan was hatched to corner and insult the Governor.

K R Venkata Narasimhan, Madurai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
Khadi for Nation' but Chinese Polyester for National flag! As always, the words and actions of the Prime Minister never match.

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
Misuse of central agencies as political agents is deplorable. The rule of Maharajas-monarchs is over- this dispensation will also be on its way out soon.

Jairam Ramesh @Jairam_Ramesh
PM claims there's a plot to defame Gujarat. The truth is that long before he became CM, Gujarat already emerged as an economic powerhouse due to its spirit of enterprise.

BJP takes a swipe at Cong, says prez poll a 'big joke'

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR
@ New Delhi

THE Bharatiya Janata Party on Sunday reacted sarcastically that talking about the importance of internal organisational polls within the Congress Party sounds nothing but like a "big political joke" at a time when etire political process and decision-making power of this party rests only in the hands of members of a family.

> This (election of party president) sounds nothing but a big political joke in a party wherein dynasty rules the roost instead of organisational democracy
>
> AMIT MALVIYA, Chief of BJP's IT Cell

In order to foment internal democracy in the party, the Congress Working Committee (CWC) on Sunday announced to hold election to pick party president on October 17.

Chief of BJP's IT Cell Amit Malviya equated the claim of the Congress with the April Fool's Day, the Congress Party set to observe in October.

Mocking the Congress decision to hold the organisational election on October 17, Malvia quipped: "This sounds nothing but a big political joke in a party wherein dynasty rules the roost instead of organisational democracy."

Taking a jibe at the Congress Party's claim of being the only party which holds internal polls, BJP national spokespersons of BJP Shehzaad Poonawalla said that the party is again going to bluff with its leaders and the people in general in the name of holding polls to elect its president. "*Hoga wohi jo ek pariwavar chahega* (Will happen what a family will want)," he said sarcastically.

Describing Congress a party sans democracy, Poonawalla added that the family-centric Congress has become now a totally 'democracy-mukt' and 'accountability-mukt" party for a particular family.

Citing how a leader like Ghulam Nabi Azad and others have started deserting the party lambasting Rahul Gandhi for his 'immature' and 'autocratic' functioning. He said that proposed poll process was announced for fear of loosing many more more senior leaders. "This entire process would be just a 'sham' to save the party," he said.

Azad exit likely to benefit BJP in upcoming J&K polls

If Azad floats party and fight polls, it will be advantage BJP in Jammu

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

VETERAN politician Ghulam Nabi Azad's exit from Congress party and his decision of floating his own party to contest upcoming Assembly polls in Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir may hand over an electoral advantage to Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Jammu region.

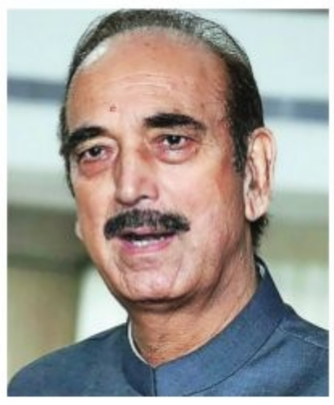
Jammu-based political analyst Rekha Choudhary believes that Azad's leaving Congress and prospects of his own party entering the electoran area in the UT will definitely tilt the equation in favour of BJP, especially in Jammu region.

The BJP is eyeing to win most of the 43 Assembly seats allocated for Jammu region avtre the delimitation and the fragmentation of Congress vote bank will be an added advantage to the saffron party, she said.

In 2014, BJP had won 25 Assembly seats from Jammu region, which then till had 37 Assembly segments.

After the abrogation of Article 370 and delimitation exercise, the Assembly seats in J&K has gone up from 83 to 90, with Jammu having 43 seats and Kashmir 47 seats.

Another political observer echoed Choudhary and said that the entry of Azad's party will lead to further fragmentation of Congress and secular votes in Chenab Valley and Pir Panjal region comprising five districts of Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban and border districts of Poonch and Rajouri.



Likely split of votes in five key Jammu districts

A political analyst feels that the entry of Azad's political party will lead to further fragmentation of Congress and secular votes in Chenab Valley and Pir Panjal region comprising five districts of Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban and border districts of Poonch and Rajouri. It will definitely tilt the equation in favour of BJP, especially in Jammu region, as the saffron party will be anatural beneficiary of split in secular votes

"The BJP was expected to do well in the main Jammu and in border districts of Kathua, Reasi, Samba and Udhampur but in Chenab Valley and Pir Panjal, it would have been difficult for BJP to win seats. But now the situation on the ground is likely to change as the secular vote will get further divided and the BJP vote bank will remain intact," he said.

A senior Congress leader too admitted that Azad's quitting Congress and floating new party will definitely give advantage to the saffron party on some seats in Chenab Valley and Pir Panjal region. He said the votes on the seats in Congress strongholds in Jammu region will now get divided between Congress and Azad's party and this may benefit BJP. In the Valley, he said, there would not be any impact as Kashmir politics is different from Jammu, especially after Article 370 revocation, it has turned very intense.

Sensing poll advantage, a BJP leader said that a leader of Azad's stature quitting Congress after 50 years of association will definitely have some impact on the ground. "With Congress leaders deserting the party and joining ranks of other outfits or launching their parties as is possible in case of Azad, the Congress vote bank is expected to get fragmented and this will definitely benefit us in some areas," he said.

Before the Azad episode, BJP was hopeful of winning 35 out of 43 seats in Jammu region and few seats in Kashmir and form a government with like-minded people and parties.

Now the BJP is hopeful of winning a few more seats in Jammu region.

POWER GAMES

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Lok Sabha Election 2024

NITISH KUMAR PREPARES FOR THE BATTLE OF DELHI

Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar is preparing to enter the race for 2024 Lok Sabha. Sources close to Nitish Kumar said that he has already made his intentions clear to his partymen as well as his allies. Though a consensus is yet to emerge among opposition parties on his name, the Bihar chief minister has started preparing for the battle. He has been frequenting and nurturing his old parliamentary constituency Nalanda, from where he would seek to enter parliament in 2024. The chief minister has also decided, JD(U) insiders say, to spend more time in Delhi for wider national visibility and connect. He would in the coming months be meeting with leaders of the opposition parties to try and unite them against Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ruling NDA. With Nitish making his national ambition clear, the race for the post of Prime Minister is getting increasingly crowded. West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee and Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal have already thrown their hats in the ring. Mamata had recently tried to form a non-Congress opposition front against the BJP-led NDA. Her efforts came to naught with NCP chief Sharad Pawar and Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray telling her that it was not possible to mount a meaningful challenge to the ruling alliance without the Congress. Kejriwal, too, has not been a big hit among the opposition leaders. Nitish, on the other hand, already has the Congress and the Left parties as his allies in Bihar. These two parties would have a big say in deciding the opposition's face in the next Lok Sabha election, say JD(U) leaders.

Breaking New Ground

PCI BARES ITS FANGS UNDER A NEW CHAIRPERSON

Justice Ranjana Desai has started her new job as the chairperson of the Press Council of India with a bang. In a first, the PCI has ordered a government entity to pay compensation for the injury caused by its action. The council directed the Chandigarh administration last week to pay `20,000 each to two journalists who were seriously injured by the water cannon fired on them while they were covering an opposition march to Punjab chief minister's residence in July 2019. The journalists were standing on top of a wall to get a better view of the marchers and the water cannon threw them off it causing the injury. The council had in the past directed private entities to give financial compensation. Most prominent among them is the Tata group, which was ordered to pay a compensation of `30 lakh to the journalists who were beaten up in front of Bombay House while covering the Tata-Cyrus Mistry corporate tussle. That was the first time the PCI got a private company to pay compensation to an aggrieved party. The PCI has so far only been censuring those found to have committed a wrong. And this is what it did in yet another order last week. It censured Rajkot Collector Remya Mohan for trying to bribe eight journalists to get good coverage for the 2020 Republic Day function. One of the journalists refused to accept the bribe and published a report in his newspaper that cheques for `50,000 each were offered to eight journalists.

Jharkhand Political Crisis

PANDE THROWS A SPANNER IN HEMANT'S WORKS

Congress general secretary in-charge of Jharkhand Avinash Pande has ruffled CM Hemant Soren's feathers. The chief minister is in the middle of a struggle to save himself as well as his government from getting dislodged. The day Hemant drove all MLAs of the alliance for a picnic at Khunti, Pande reached Ranchi and called a meeting of Congress MLAs late evening. He pulled up the MLAs for packing up and leaving capital without consulting the party leadership. He later announced that the Congress MLAs will leave the city only on the instruction of top Congress leadership. The news was published prominently in all local newspapers. This upset the chief minister who felt that Pande's statement indicated that there were fissures in the ruling alliance while he felt there were none.

Gujarat made all-round progress despite conspiracies, says Modi

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

A string of conspiracies to "defame" Gujarat around the world notwithstanding, the state has succeeded in charting a path of progress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday while addressing a rally on his home ground.

"While Gujarat was dealing with the natural calamity, the period of conspiracies started. There were conspiracies to defame Gujarat in the country and the world. Repeated attempts were made to stop investment from coming here, but the state chose a new path of progress," Modi said after inaugurating a host of projects in Bhuj district ahead of the assembly elections slated later this year.

The PM highlighted how, even while tackling a crisis, Gujarat became the first state in the country to enact a Disaster Management Act. "Taking inspiration from this Act, a similar law was made for the whole country. This helped every government in the country during the pandemic," he added. "After the devastation brought about by the earthquake in Kutch in 2001, I had spoken about the redevelopment of the region, and we worked hard for it. There were many who said Kutch won't be able to recover from the destruction but people there have changed the scenario," Modi said.

"When I say from the ramparts of the Red Fort that India will be a developed country by 2047, you can see that amidst death and disaster, we made some resolutions and we realised them. Similarly, what we resolve today, we will surely achieve in 2047," he added.

Modi cited several development milestones in Kutch, such as the cement plants, which are among the largest in the world today, and it being second in the world regarding welding pipe manufacturing.

'MASS CAMPAIGN NEEDED TO FIGHT MALNUTRITION'

NEW DELHI: "Can you imagine that music and bhajans can be used to tackle malnutrition?," Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked in his monthly radio broadcast, Maan Ki Baat, on Sunday. He was talking about the success of the Mera Bachha Campaign in Datia district of Madhya Pradesh. Citing another example of how a villager in Assam's Bongai is creating awareness about malnutrition, Modi urged people to make efforts to get rid of the problem by creating awareness, and announced that September will be observed as 'Poshan maah'. Sharing details about the Assamese villager, Modi said the mother of a healthy baby from an anganwadi used to meet the mother of a malnourished child every week to share tips on nutrition. He also referred to another campaign going on in Jharkhand. *ENS*

'Temp likely to turn into extreme heat'

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE temperature in north India — across Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh — is reaching a threshold where it will be difficult to tolerate extreme heat conditions, according to a research carried out by Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER).

The temperature has been rising over the last 39 years, it said.

The IISER research along with Indian Institute of Technology New Delhi analyzed the climate conditions of North West India. It revealed that heat stress conditions have been increasing over time in the region as the number of days per year of extreme heat conditions is increasing.

The average temperature in north India is between 27 to 34.5 degrees Celsius and in the rest of the country, it is around 25.5 degrees C. In peak summers of June, the temperature rises to 34.5 deg. and in July 33.5 deg. Due to hot winds from the Arabian Sea the heat and soil temperature increases. Thus the rate of temperature rise in this part of the country is higher than the rest of India. The worry is it has increased by 1.4 degrees in the last 39 years, which is 0.03 degree per year.

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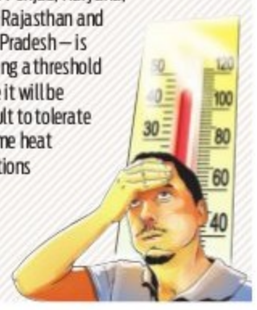

Cheetahs to be bred and released into wild: Official

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

WITH serious concerns being raised about the survival of Cheetahs, being brought from Namibia, in the wild, a top environment ministry official said that animals being brought from the African nation are part of a conservation breeding programme and will be released in the wild later.

Cheetah, which was declared extinct in the country in 1952, will be introduced in India in the Kuno-Palpur National Park in Madhya Pradesh. The first batch comprising four males and as many females will arrive from Namibia likely later this year.

The arrival of the Cheetahs seems to have entered into a controversy after some reports quoted YV Jhala, one of the experts overseeing the conservation initiative, that three of eight selected Cheetahs were captive bred and they would not be able to catch wild prey and that India has asked the Namibia government to replace them. However, these

repprts were denied by the Union Environment Ministry. A top official from he ministry said that the Cheetahs being brought to India are part of a conservation breeding programme, and they would be later released into the wild. "It will be similar like what is done to orphaned tiger cubs who are bred and later released into the wild," said the official.

A team of experts from India visited Namibia to finalise the translocation schedule, as the earlier plan was to bring the animals by this month. On the possible delay, the official said that keeping in mind floods in Madhya Pradesh, there could be some delay and animals could now come by later this year.

SECRET FACTS

Unmarried women have less sex than unwed men, says survey

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

ONLY two per cent of unmarried young adult women had sex in the last year compared to 13.4 per cent of men. Over 77 per cent of 23-24 years-old men never had sex compared to 95.3 percent of women of the same age, according to the latest findings of the NFHS-5 survey.

The National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-21) also showed that more unmarried women practice safe sex than men.

The survey, which studied single men and women in the age group of 15-24 years, showed that 1.3 per cent of single girls in the age group of 15-19 had sex in the last 12 months preceding the survey, compared to 4.4 per cent of men.

The survey, which studied over 6 lakh households in 707 districts, also showed teenage boys are sexually more active as compared to girls.

While 0.9 percent of teenage girls had sex as compared to 2.9 percent of adolescent boys, it was 1.9 percent for single women, who had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months in the age group of 18-19 years, the figure stood at 6.6 per cent for single men in the same age group.

For unmarried women in the age group of 20-24, the percentage stood at 1.9 percent compared to 11.8 percent of single men who had sex. Similarly, 1.9 percent of women in the age group of 20-22 had sex, compared to men at 10.9 per cent.

The survey, which also studied condom use among unmarried men and women, clearly found women went for safe sex compared to single men — whether they were in their teens or adults.

In the age group of 15-19 years, only 57 per cent of men used condoms, compared to 61.2 percent of women.

The usage of condoms went up slightly for men in the age group of 20-24 years. While nearly 64 percent of single men practiced safe sex, 65.3 per cent of women in the same age group used condoms.

The NFHS-5, which conducted the survey in this category for the first time in India, also showed that more women were virgins compared to men in the age group of 15-24 years in India. Over 97 per cent of single girls in the age group of 15-17 and 15-19 were virgins, as compared to single boys, who were more active sexually in this age group. While 93.8 per cent of boys in the age group of 15-19 were virgins, the figure went up to 96.1 for boys in the age group of 15-17 years.

Similarly, over 95 percent of women in the age group of 20-24 were virgins, compared to men, which stood at around 80 percent.

SEX PATTERN OF YOUNG INDIANS

New survey conducted by NHFS reveals interesting ways Indians indulge in sex

- **2%** of unmarried young adult women had sex in last year compared to 13.4% of men
- **77%** of 23-24 years-old men never had sex compared to 95.3% of women of the same age
- **1.3%** of single girls in the age group of 15-19 had sex in the last 12 months preceding the survey compared to 4.4% of men
- Teenage boys are sexually more active as compared to girls
- Women went for safe sex compared to single men — whether they were in their teens or adults
- Men who were away from home were more active sexually as compared to women
- The fifth round of **NHFS-5 (2019-21)** was conducted in two phases in **707** districts from **June 2019** to **April 2021**, covering information from **6,36,699** households. Further detailed information was collected from **7,24,115** women and **1,01,839** men in eligible age groups
- Women living in rural India had slightly more sexual encounters **(1.5 percent)** than their urban counterparts **(1.4 percent)**.
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NO CONNECTION

Internet services across 27 districts of Assam were suspended for 4 hours on Sunday for the second time this month to prevent possible malpractices during written examination for recruitment in state government departments.

2K PIGS DIE OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER IN MP IN 2 WEEKS

Ahmedabad	31	27	Mumbai	31	26
Bhopal	27	23	Panaji	30	25
Jaipur	33	25	Patna	34	27
Amritsar	33	26	Lucknow	31	26
Chennai	32	27	Port Blair	30	25
Kolkata	33	26	Imphal	29	21
Srinagar	28	16	Chandigarh	32	26

UPA dares BJP to impose Prez rule in Jharkhand

BJP conspiring against state govt: Minister

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

AMID the political turmoil in Jharkhand, state Health Minister Banna Gupta called a joint press conference of alliance partners in haste in Ranchi on Sunday, where he dared the BJP-led Central government to implement president rule in the state. "If they failed to do so, they should stop such experiments of upsetting people of the state as the entire system has come to a standstill," he said.

Gupta, during the press conference organised immediately after the UPA meeting at the CM's residence here, said that the matter is deliberately being delayed so that the BJP camp get an opportunity for horse trading.

Gupta said that the BJP is conspiring to do what they did in other states in Jharkhand as well. "Why to worry when we have full majority? BJP should implement Section 356 in the State and remove this government. And if they do not have the courage to do that, then they should not make experiments and make people of this state upset as entire system has come to a standstill," said the Congress minister. BJP, under a conspiracy, has framed an elected government in Jharkhand which we strongly condemn, he added.

Gupta further added that it is a black chapter in democracy. India has a federal structure, where different state governments work together for the interest of the Country, he said.

Gupta further added that they are peace loving people, but they also know how to do *'ulgulaan'* (revolt). Jharkhand is known as land of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, Siddho-Kanu, Buddhu Bhagat and Shibu Soren, they will never bend down, stop, get tired or get terrorised and take revenge for all the injustice done to them, he said.

Meanwhile, the state health minister also demanded the state Governor to make his decision in the matter public to end the political uncertainty in the state. "We request the Governor to make it public whatever his decision is; we will reply to it within 24 hours," said Banna Gupta.

DRY STATE

3 dead in Bihar hooch tragedy

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

IN yet another incident of suspected hooch, three persons died and six others were taken ill, two of them seriously, after consuming spurious liquor in Bihar's Vaishali district in the last 24 hours on Sunday. The state was declared a dry state in April 2016.

The incident took place at Bind Toli of Virpur village under Raghopur assembly constituency, which is being represented by deputy chief minister RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav.

The victims relatives told the police that the condition of Jangali Mahto (35), Rama Mahto (50) and Ram Pravesh Mahto (56) deteriorated after they returned home in drunken state late on Saturday. They had consumed country liquor from a local illegal vend at the village.

The three were rushed to a private nursing home at Fatuha in Patna district where they died during treatment. The relatives had conduced last rites of Jangali Mahto before the visit of the Jurawanpur police to the village.

During investigation, it came to light that six others were undergoing treatment at private hospitals in Khushrupur and Fatuha in Patna district. However, the condition of Pawan Mahto and Bagul Mahto was stated to be critical.

8 Cong MLAs cross-voted in Maha MLC poll: Panel report

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

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Congress leader

EIGHT Congress MLAs cross-voted in the recent Maharashtra state legislative council elections, the one-member committee comprising Mohan Prakash set up by Congress interim president Sonia Gandhi has said in its report. However, no harsh action has been recommended against these MLAs for violating party order.

After the defeat of Congress candidate Chandrakant Handore in the MLC elections, Sonia had asked senior Congress leader Mohan Prakash to probe the reasons behind Handore's defeat and submit a detailed report to her. Prakash visited Mumbai and met prominent leaders of Congress as well as MLAs for conducting the probe.

The report has revealed that in the MLC elections, BJP and its allies had 113 votes, but they got 20 additional votes, including those of Congress MLAs.

"Six Congress MLAs voted for BJP while two Congress MLAs voted for NCP candidates in the MLC elections. The Congress MLAs have been identified by using various methods, such as personal and confidential interviews with them," a source privy of these details said. "These MLAs were given specific codes and markings but in the voting paper, these were missing. However, it cannot be 100 percent correct because the voting is confidential and small errors in judgement can spoil anyone's political career. Therefore, no harsh action has been recommended in the report," the source added.

Party leaders also feel that this is not the right time to take action against those who cross-voted. "The Congress is going through a very difficult phase. People are leaving the party, and it is an uphill task to keep the flock together. In such a scenario, we cannot expel the MLAs just based on suspicion and some elementary proof. Therefore, it was decided to push this issue under the carpet for the time being. Once the situation is favourable, the party high command may take action," a Congress leader said.

When contacted over the phone, Mohan Prakash confirmed that he has submitted the report to Sonia. "I have written about the current situation of the party and cross-voting. However, the party high command has to take a call over it," he said.

Former Maharashtra Congress president Prithviraj Chavan had alleged that eight Congress MLAs cross-voted in favour of the BJP in lieu of bribes. After this, state Congress legislative party leader Balasaheb Thorat held a meeting with party MLAs to ensure that such an act is not repeated in future. Such a scenario, we cannot expel the MLAs just based on suspicion and some elementary proof. Therefore, it was decided to push this issue under the carpet for the time being," a leader said.

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Class XII girl set on fire by neighbour succumbs

A 19-year-old student of Class XII, who was allegedly set on fire by a youth after she rejected his overtures in Dumka, died on Sunday. The victim, Ankita, was first admitted to Phulo Jhano Hospital in Dumka with 90 per cent burns, and was then shifted to Rajendra Institute of Medical Science in Ranchi. The accused, Shahrukh, who was her neighbour, poured petrol from the window and set her on fire while she was sleeping at her home in the wee hours of Tuesday. He has been sent to jail. In her statement to an executive magistrate, Ankita said he had called her on phone, pestering her to become his friend.

Speculations about fall of Soren govt fail

All speculations about the possible disqualification of CM Hemant Soren by the Election Commission in the office of profit case, leading to the fall of government, have failed. Four days after reports talked of the impending arrival of the governor's notification, Soren still holds the post. While some rumours floating around said he has been disqualified or barred from contesting polls, others said the governor will call Soren after returning from Delhi, or that a notification will be issued for his disqualification. The brouhaha prompted a UPA leader to quip that governments cannot be pulled down through tweets.

Treasure of gold coins, jewellery found near mofussil house in MP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

A treasure trove of antique gold coins, jewellery and a rare metallic urn has been unearthed during the reconstruction of a dilapidated house in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh.

The unearthing of the treasure in the dilapidated house being reconstructed by Shivnarayan Rathore in Chitnis Chowk-Nalcha Darwaza area of Dhar town, came to the fore recently, when one of the labourers who had found the coins, but hushed up the matter, disclosed in inebriated state to his friends about selling one of those coins to settle outstanding hotel dues and buy a second hand motorbike. "It came to our knowledge through a trusted network of confidential informants, after which the concerned labourer was detained and questioned," ASP-Dhar district Devendra Patidar told The New Indian Express on Sunday.

Further investigations revealed that a clay urn containing 39 golden antique coins was found by the labourers on Krishna Janmashtami day, while removing the debris of the dilapidated house. Instead of informing about it to the owner of the house, the labourers concealed the urn and took it away before distributing the coins among themselves. Further probe led the police in unearthing another urn, this time a metallic one, containing 47 more antique gold coins, a piece of gold and old jewellery. "All the eight labourers who hail from Himmatgarh have been arrested, while all 86 antique gold coins, metallic urn and the piece of gold have been kept in the safe custody of police. The state archaeology department too has been informed about the seizure and their safe custody," the ASP-Dhar district said.

Health scheme beneficiaries found being treated at makeshift facility

Bhopal: A surprise police raid at a defunct hotel at Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh, revealed that a makeshift medical facility was being run there – by those owning the hotel as well as the adjacent private hospital. Most of the patients admitted here were beneficiaries of Central government's Ayushman Bharat PM Jan Arogya Yojana. According to chief medical and health officer Sanjay Mishra, the raid on Saturday was carried out by the police following specific information about the hotel being used to run a makeshift medical facility to cater to the scheme beneficiaries. *ENS*

MAHA

'Quash cases on Navratri organisers'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

BJP Lok Sabha MP Gopal Shetty said that Maharashtra government should withdraw the cases filed against Navratri organisers over sound limit violations following the government recently withdrawing cases against Govinda and Ganesha festival organisers under similar circumstances.

Gopal Shetty also appealed to the Shinde-Fadnavis led Maharashtra government to allow four days for Navratri festival in the current year till midnight. "Let the people celebrate the festival as per their wish. It's a once in a year festival. For the last two years owing to Covid, Navratri could not be organised across the country publicly. But now that Navratri in public has been allowed by the administration," he said.

Gujarat CM calls Patkar an urban Naxal

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

GUJARAT Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel on Sunday stirred controversy by calling social activist Medha Patkar an 'urban Naxal' who had received political support.

Bhupendra Patel

He was addressing a gathering in Gujarat's Bhuj district in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"On this occasion, when Narmada water has reached Kutch, we should also remember who were those people who had deprived Kutch from getting this water for nearly five decades. We all know who were those urban Naxals who had opposed the Narmada dam project," said Patel.

Patkar had protested against construction of the dam and the inadequate rehabilitation and resettlement of those displaced by its construction.

"They tried hard to deprive Gujarat and Kutch of development. One of those urban naxals was Medha Patkar."

Taking a shot at the Aam Admi Party ahead of the December Assembly polls, Patel said, "We all know which political party these people were associated with." Patkar had contested the 2014 Lok Sabha polls on AAP ticket and lost. "These people had tried to bring the Naxal ideology to Gujarat. But smart people of Gujarat did not let them succeed," Patel said.

7-layer security to protect wild animals

In order to make Betla National Park, a part of Palamu Tiger Reserve fool-proof from the poachers, forest officials have arranged seven layer security using modern equipments and experienced manpower. The park is being guarded round the clock by several groups of tracker guards; live surveillance of the entire jungle is being done by 360 degree CCTV cameras, besides that foot-march is also being conducted by the tracker guards led by forest guards updating the control room about activity inside the forest area. BNF, spread over 226 square km, has been divided into 8 sub-beats to make it convenient.

BJP faces tribal party challenge in Tripura

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

IN election-bound Tripura, the tribe-based party TIPRA Motha is fast emerging as a force to give the ruling BJP a run for its money. The saffron party has whiled away opportunities and turned out nearly a failure. Given anti-incumbency, it has a mountain to climb to be able to retain power when the state goes to polls early next year.

While the BJP was wasting chances and the Congress imploding across the country, former Tripura Congress chief Pradyot Debbarma-headed TIPRA Motha seized the moment. The royal scion mobilised the indigenous population and capitalised on his and his family's popularity.

Tripura has 60 seats – 20 of them in the tribal areas. These had been traditionally the CPI-M's strongholds. Now, the Left party has virtually lost the space to the TIPRA Motha. The CPI-M has appointed Jiten Chowdhury, a tribal, as the state secretary to try and regain the lost ground. Former Chief Minister the late Dasarath Deb is the only other tribal leader to have donned the party state secretary's mantle.

In last year's Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council elections, the TIPRA Motha had won 18 seats. The BJP bagged 9 seats while one went to an Independent. The result is testimony to the tribe-based party climbing up the popularity charts in the tribal areas.

Debbarma said the TIPRA Motha's non-conventional brand of politics made people embrace the party.

"We have not played traditional politics but people are fed up of lies. We are not here to fight for the post of the Chief Minister but the constitutional rehabilitation of the indigenous populace," Debbarma told this newspaper, indicating the tribals need more powers and socio-economic rights.

Party led by royal scion wooing tribal electorate

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He said the BJP was facing a challenge for its "disappointing" performance.

"BJP talks about development but it has done nothing. CPI-M talks about development but it had the chance. Congress is in a different place now. I guess people want to give us a chance to do something," Debbarma said.

According to Debbarma, tribals are "critical" in victory in 25 seats and the party has shortlisted 36 seats.

Ahead of the 2018 elections, the BJP hardly had any base in the state, which shares a border with Bangladesh, yet it managed to dislodge the 25-year-old Left Front government riding on the popular slogan of "chalo paltai" (let's change).

However, its dismal performance across sectors, failure to fulfil pre-election promises and the quirky former Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb's alleged autocratic style of functioning steadily drove the people away from the BJP.

The BJP sought to make amends by replacing Deb with doctor-turned-politician Manik Saha in May this year but observers say it was too late.

Now that the polls are round the corner, the BJP is trying to appear confident.

"We will retain power by winning the polls with an absolute majority. There is no issue. We will go to polls with our report card, listing out achievements," Tripura BJP chief spokesperson Subrata Chakraborty told this newspaper.

According to him, the TIPRA Motha will not be a factor. Talking about Deb, he said replacing the chief minister was an organisational matter.

"Responsibilities are given to different people at different times. It (Deb's ouster) was a normal course of action," Chakraborty claimed.

J&K POLICE

CBI probe sought into recruitment

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

OVER a month after cancelling the selection list of 1,200 J&K Police Sub Inspectors, the Jammu & Kashmir administration on Sunday halted the recruitment of Finance Account Assistant (FAAs) and recommended for a CBI probe into the selection process after finding irregularities in the selection process.

"JKSSB FAAs & JE Civil recruitment has been cancelled and a CBI probe recommended into the selection process," tweeted the Directorate of Information and Public Relations.

"Fresh recruitment process for FAAs and JE Civil will start soon," it said in a statement. The cancellation of the selection list of FAAs came after Lt Governor Manoj Sinha last month ordered a high level an inquiry into the FAA exam conducted by J&K Service Selection Board.

Ram Katha at Raj Bhavan triggers row

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

A five-day Ram Katha event being organised at the Raj Bhavan in Rajasthan has raked up a controversy. Being held under the patronage of Governor Kalraj Mishra, social activists claimed this violates the constitutional mandate of the post.

Human rights organisation People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL) has strongly objected to the event which it believes is an indirect way to promote Hindutva ideology. But as the controversy over the Ram Katha escalates, the gates of the Raj Bhavan have been opened for visitors though earlier it was being held only for special invitees.

The governor, along with Sant Vijay Kaushik Maharaj, also inaugurated a Bhakti art exhibition at the Raj Bhavan on Saturday.

The PUCL argued that such religious events in the Raj Bhavan are beyond the limits of the constitutional position and the secular values it should promote. The PUCL has also asked the state government to shift the programme outside the residence with immediate effect.

Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra

Kavita Srivastava, general secretary, PUCL, said it is "against the dignity of the constitutional post of Governor to conduct a religious event on Raj Bhavan premises." The PUCL said it is neither against Ram Katha nor against Lord Ram nor against Sant Vijay Kaushal Maharaj. Instead it argues that their "protest is against the dignity of the constitutional office who has taken oath under Article 157 of the Constitution and to organise a religious event in the Raj Bhavan."

US warships sail through Taiwan Strait, China keeps wary watch

Global Times says America is trying to appease the Taiwan authorities and regional allies

BEIJING

TWO United States warships sailed through the Taiwan Strait on Sunday, the American navy said, the first such transit since China staged unprecedented military drills around the island. In a statement, the US Navy said the passage "demonstrates the United States' commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific."

The US Seventh Fleet said the pair of Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruisers, the USS Antietam and the USS Chancellorsville conducted the 'routine' transit on Sunday "through waters where high seas freedoms of navigation and overflight apply in accordance with international law."

"These ships transited through a corridor in the Strait that is beyond the territorial sea of any coastal State," a statement said.

USS Chancellorsville

"It sends a very clear message," a White House official, National Security Council spokesman John Kirby, said on Sunday. "The US Navy will sail...and operate wherever international law allows it to."

Kirby, a retired navy rear admiral, said the operation had been 'planned long ago.'

The Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) said the United States had 'openly hyped up' the ships' passage through the strait. "The PLA Eastern Theatre Command is following and warning the US vessels throughout their entire journey, and is aware of all movements," spokesman Senior Colonel Shi Yi said.

"Troops in the (eastern) theatre remain on high alert and are prepared at all times to foil any provocations."

Criticising the US naval ships transit through the island, a write-up in the *Global Times* said the "US is trying to appease the Taiwan authorities and regional allies, conveying to them that Washington will not back down under military pressure from the Chinese mainland."

Taiwan's defence ministry confirmed a pair of warships sailed from north to south through the channel. "During their southward journey through the Taiwan Strait, the military is fully monitoring relevant movements in our surrounding sea and airspace, and the situation is normal."

The US and Western allies have increased 'freedom of navigation' crossings by naval vessels of both the Taiwan Strait and South China Sea to reinforce the concept that those seas are international waterways, sparking anger from Beijing. *Agencies*

South Pak braces for deluge from swollen northern rivers

SUKKUR

Pakistan's flooded southern Sindh province braced Sunday for a fresh deluge from swollen rivers in the north as the death toll from this year's monsoon topped 1,000.

The mighty Indus River that courses through Pakistan's second-most populous region is fed by dozens of mountain tributaries to the north, but many have burst their banks following record rains and glacier melt.

Officials warned torrents of water are expected to reach Sindh in the next few days, adding misery to millions already affected by the floods.

"Right now, Indus is in high flood," said Aziz Soomro, the supervisor of Sukkur Barrage—a massive colonial-era construction that regulates the river's flow and redirects water to a vast system of canals.

The annual monsoon is essential for irrigating crops and replenishing lakes and dams across the Indian subcontinent, but it also brings destruction.

A resident wades across a flooded area after heavy monsoon rains on the outskirts of Sukkur in Sindh province | AFP

Officials say this year's monsoon flooding has affected more than 33 million people—one in seven Pakistanis, destroying or badly damaging nearly a million homes.

On Sunday, the country's National Disaster Management Authority said the death toll from the monsoon rains had reached 1,033, with 119 killed in the previous 24 hours.

It said this year's floods were comparable to 2010—the worst on record when over 2,000 people died and nearly a fifth of the country was under water.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, who cancelled a trip to Britain to oversee relief operations, said he had never seen anything like it before.

"Village after village has been wiped out. Millions of houses have been destroyed. There has been immense destruction," he said after flying over Sindh.

Thousands of people living near flood-swollen rivers in Pakistan's north were ordered to evacuate from danger zones, but army helicopters and rescuers are still plucking laggards to safety.

Officials blame the devastation on human-driven climate change, saying Pakistan is unfairly bearing the consequences of irresponsible environmental practices elsewhere in the world. *AFP*

Kabul blames Islamabad for giving airspace to US drones

KABUL

Afghan Defence Minister Mohammad Yaqoob Mujahid accused Pakistan on Sunday of providing airspace for the US drones to enter his country, characterising the incursions as a continuation of Washington's 'invasion'. Mujahid's comments came less than a month after US President Joe Biden announced the killing of Al-Qaeda chief Ayman al-Zawahiri in a drone strike in Kabul. US drones continued to be seen flying over Kabul even now, Mujahid told reporters when asked where the drones were coming from..

"Our information shows that they (US drones) are entering into Afghanistan from Pakistan, using the airspace of Pakistan," Mujahid said. "We demand that Pakistan should not allow its airspace to be used against us."

There was no immediate response to Mujahid's comments from the Pakistani military, but it has previously denied allowing the country's airspace to be used, most recently over the Zawahiri case.

Deploying these drones into Afghanistan is "still a clear invasion of Afghanistan and its airspace by the Americans", Mujahid said. *AFP*

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is information to the General Public that my client **Smt. JAYAMMA,** W/o late M.Sampangi, R/a " Shubha Shree Enclave" Flat No.404, Fourth Renukamba Nagar, Chunchagatta Main Road, Bangalore-560062, is intend to purchase of Schedule Property from **Smt.PREETI RAMPRASAD,** W/o Ramprasad Kasaragod, R/a No.901, Horizon Homes, Near Bijai Museum, VTC:Bijai, PO: Bijai, Sub-District: Mangalore, District: Dakshina Kannada-575004. If any body having any rights, share, claim or objection to the proposed purchase may file their objections in writing along with copies of supporting documents to the undersigned within **7 days** time from the date of this publication to the Purchaser's Advocate at below mentioned address failing which my client will be advised to go ahead and complete the formalities for registration of the sale deed in respect of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing **House List No.5,** Khata No. 964, Assessment No.166, Situated at **KOTHANUR VILLAGE, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** presently comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP, Bangalore, having BBMP Khatha Sl.No.1501, Property No.05/964/166, Ward No.196 and bounded on the:

East by : Road,
West by : Private Property,
North by : Site No. 6,
South by : Site No. 4.
Measuring:
East to West : 60 feet
North to South : 40 feet
In all measuring : 2400 square feet

R.R.Upadhya, Advocate
RAVISHANKAR ASSOCIATES,
#92, 2nd Main Road, Between 7th & 8th Cross, Chamrajpet, Bangalore -18 Mob: 9241102941

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Notice No. B/MD.HVS/RH/SBC/2022 Dated: 23-08-2022

Applications are invited for the post of Honorary Visiting Specialists (HVS) in the Divisional Railway Hospital, Bengaluru. Following field for a period of one year from the date of appointment.

Speciality	No of Post	No. of Hours/Days in a week	Honorarium per Month
General Surgeon	01	4 Hours a Day for 6 Days/Week	Rs. 78,000/-

Specialist interested to work as HVS at Divisional Railway Hospital, Bengaluru may send their applications with detailed curriculum vitae with copies of relevant documents in support of their Age, Qualification and Experience addressed to Chief Medical Superintendent, Divisional Railway Hospital, Bengaluru - 560 023 within 30 days from the date of publication of this notification. For any queries / clarifications kindly contact on 080-23150306 or e-mail : empanelledhospitalrhsbc@gmail.com

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RO No 573 **NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING** Dt. 27.08.2022

Date Extension-12

In reference to E-Tender No: 01/GM(Civil)/Lakhwar/UJVNL/2021-22 for Balance civil works for Construction of 204m high concrete gravity dam, Intake, (3X100 MW) capacity underground Power House and appurtenant works on river Yamuna of Lakhwar Multipurpose Project in District-Dehradun/Tehri Garhwal (Uttarakhand). It is to inform that the Addendum-3 has been uploaded on e-procurement portal. Bidders are requested to go through the bid document and Addendums for details.

The amended dates of bid are as below:

Bid submission start Date : 09-09-2022 from 17:00 Hrs

Last date for submission of bids on website : 19-09-2022 up to 17:00 Hrs

For full & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal **"http:// uktenders.gov.in"**

General Manager (Civil)

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SRUJANA VIVIDODDESHA SOUHARDA SAHAKARI NIYAMITHA
No.64, 3rd Cross, Gavipuram Extension, M.V. Seetharamaiah Road, Bangalore-560019

POSSESSION NOTICE APPENDIX IV [RULE 8(1)]

POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY MORTGAGED TO SRUJANA VIVIDHODDESHA SOUHARDA SAHAKARI NIYAMITHA.

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Srujana Vividhoddesha Souharda Sahakari Niyamitha,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated **21/06/2022** calling upon the borrower : **Mrs. Chamundeshwari C**, #21, 1st Floor, 33 A Cross Road, 11th Main Road, 4th T Block, Jayanagara, Bangalore - 560041 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **24th day of August of the year 2022**.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **SRUJANA VIVIDHODDESHA SOUHARDA SAHAKARI NIYAMITHA,** for an amount mentioned below and interest thereon.

You are further requested to note that as per Section 13(13) of The SARFAESI ACT, 2002, you are RESTRAINED/PROHIBITED from disposing of or dealing with the Secured Asset, without prior written consent of **SRUJANA VIVIDHODDESHA SOUHARDA SAHAKARI NIYAMITHA.,**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section(8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DETAILS OF THE LOAN ACCOUNT

Name of the Borrower	Smt. Chamundeshwari. C
Date of Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002	21/06/2022
Amount in Demand Notice	Rs.29,83,293/- (RupeesTwenty Nine Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Three Only)

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Details of mortgaged properties of the Borrower)
Schedule –I

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Khatha No. 3/1 Houselist No.10, 2nd Cross, Bhaskar Nagar, Anjanapura Main Road, Situated at ALLAHALLI VILLAGE, Konanakunte, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 50 Ft and North to South 35 Ft in all 1750 Sq Ft, bounded on: East by: Site No.9, West by : Road, North by:Road, South by: Site No. 11.

Sd/- Authorize Officer
For Srujana Vividhoddesha Souharda Sahakari Niyamitha

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 24/08/2022

SRUJANA VIVIDODDESHA SOUHARDA SAHAKARI NIYAMITHA
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The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **24th day of July of the year 2022.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **SRUJANA VIVIDHODDESHA SOUHARDA SAHAKARI NIYAMITHA,** for an amount mentioned below and interest thereon.

You are further requested to note that as per Section 13(13) of The SARFAESI ACT, 2002, you are RESTRAINED/PROHIBITED from disposing of or dealing with the Secured Asset, without prior written consent of **SRUJANA VIVIDHODDESHA SOUHARDA SAHAKARI NIYAMITHA.,**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DETAILS OF THE LOAN ACCOUNT

Name of the Borrower: **Sri. Umakanth Raju. C,** Date of Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002: **Dated 21/06/2022,** Amount in Demand Notice: **Rs. 46,11,264/- (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Eleven Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Four Only)** further interest thereon with effect from **22/06/2022** at the contractual rates on the aforesaid amount, incidental Expenses, Costs, Charges, ETC. Incurred and accruing thereon on daily basis.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the residential Vacant site bearing No.22, Pattanagere city Municipal council Khatha No. 908/309/56/2/289/A, situated at yelachenahalli village, UttarahalliHobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Measuring East to West: 40-0 feet, North to South 80-0 feet, totally measuring 3200 Sq Ft in "UKR Layout", and bounded on: East by: Site No. 23, West by: Site No. 21, North by:Site No. 10, South by: Road

Sd/- Authorize Officer
For Srujana Vividhoddesha Souharda Sahakari Niyamitha

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 24/08/2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

I. M/s. SURESH KUMAR MODI WELFARE TRUST, a Private Trust, having its Office at No. 6, Lyons Range, Kolkata, comprising of its Trustees Mr. Shankarlal Modi, Mr. Rajeev Modi, Mr.Dayaram Agarwal, Mr. Radheshyam Modi, Mr. Deokinandan Modi and Mr. Ashok Kumar Modi,

II. Mr. Suresh Kumar Modi, his Wife **Mrs. Vandana Modi** and his Sons **Mr. Dhruv Modi & Mr. Ashish Modi**, **Beneficiaries** of the above Trust, all presently at No. 303, Prestige Acropolis Apartments, 20, Hosur Road, Near Forum Mall, Koramanagala, Bangalore – 560 029, represents that they are the legal/beneficiary owners of Immovable Property being **2993/758237[8]** equivalent to **1153 Sq. feet** Undivided share, right, title and interest in the land comprised in the Composite Property together with an Apartment bearing No. 303 on Third Floor in "DELPHI" Block, having a super built up area of **2993 Sq. ft.,** along with one top covered car parking space in the Basement and one un-covered car parking space in the Ground Floor in the said Multistoried Residential Enclave known as "**ACROPOLIS**" constructed thereon, which is now known as and bearing separate **Corporation No. 20/25, Hosur Road, Adugodi, in Corporation Ward No. 63, Bangalore, PID No. 62-159-20/31**. My Clients have negotiated with the above persons for the purchase of the said property.

Any person or persons having/asserting any right, title or interest by way of sale, exchange, lease, tenancy, license, assignment, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, family arrangement/settlement, encumbrances, inheritance, bequest, easement, possession, collateral, development rights, Beneficiary rights, order/decree/judgement of any Court, agreement or otherwise however, claims or intending to oppose purchase in any manner may file their objections to the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of publication of notice hereof with documentary proof where after no such claims will be entertained and my clients will proceed with the purchase of the said property.

(SYED TANVEER AHMED) Advocate,
No.14, Wellington Street,
Richmond Town, Bangalore - 560025.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client Sri **NUVVALAL VENKATA RAMARAO**, aged about 60 years, son of Sri. Venkata Subbarao, R/at. No.4-319, Dibbala Road, Near Raitu Bazaar, Aswini Children Hospital, Ongole Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh-523 001, has negotiated to purchase Schedule property from its owner Smt. **SUNDARI. R BHAT**, aged about 68 years, wife of Sri. Raviraj M. Bhat, residing at No.283, 1st Main, 3rd A Cross, Domlur 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 071. The said owner have represented to our client that she is the absolute owners and that she has not created any other mortgage on the Schedule property and our client has entered into a Agreement of Sell dated: 24-06-2022 with the above said owner. People at large and all the concerned, private individuals, government/ semi-government institutions / bodies / authorities, if has got any right, title, interest, or share in Schedule property or anybody who has objection for the aforesaid transaction are herewith publicly informed to raise their objection/s in writing along with supportive documents to the undersigned within **FIFTEEN [15] DAYS** from publication of this Public Notice. If the same are not received in writing along with supportive documents by the undersigned within **FIFTEEN [15] DAYS** from publication of this public Notice, then it will be construed that the title to the said property is clear and that all such concerned have waived their rights and all such concerned shall be estopped from raising any objections thereafter and that we shall proceed thereafter further in the execution of the Sale Deed/s or such agreements and all such persons shall be estopped from raising any objections to such transaction thereinafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being (1) House List Khatha No.112/1-52, measuring east to west 25 feet and north to south 100 feet, in all measuring 2500 sq feet, (2) House List Khatha No.64/1, measuring east to west 47 feet and north to south 35+29/2 feet, in all measuring 1504 sq feet, and (3) House List Khatha No.64/2, measuring east to west 23 feet and north to south 107+123/2 feet, in all measuring 2645 sq feet, carved out of portion of land in Sy No.123/2, totally measuring 6649 Sq Ft, all are situated at **Kundalahalli Village, K R Puram Hobli,** presently comes under jurisdiction of BBMP and BBMP amalgamated Khatha Sl No. 6, Old No. 6/112; 7/112 Earlier Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, and bounded on the: : **East By :House List Khata No. 64/3 and Narashima Reddy's Property;**
West By :Ashwathnarayana Reddy's Property;
North By : Oni
South By : 80 Feet width Road;

SAAN Law Associates,
S.M. ANEES AHAMED, Advocates
No.4 (10/2), Ground Floor, West Park Road, Kumara Park East, Shivananda Circle, Bangalore-01. M : 98450 08707 / 9341718958
email : saanlawassociates@gmail.com
Place: Bangalore Date: 28/08/2022

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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act) read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of said Rule, the authorized officer has issued Demand notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s)/Co-borrower/s, to repay the loan amount mentioned in the respective demand notices issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given once again to all the Borrower's/Co-borrower's to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s) amount due on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under: -

Loan Agreement No. / Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of secured asset(s) (immovable property/ies)
LNBNG21019-200531230 & LNBNG31120-210911439 1. **ACTIVE RURAL EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY** 2. **SHANKARANAHALLY PUTTEGOWDA PRAKASH** 3. **H K RUKMINI** 4. **S P YOGESH** 5. **H K HEMALATHA**	12/08/2022 INR. 2,38,49,135/- (Rupees Two Crore Thirty Eight Lakh, Forty Nine Thousand One Hundred and Thirty Five Only) as on 12/08/2022 for the Loan Agreement No.LNBNG21019-200531230 & INR. 33,54,553/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh, Fifty Four Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Three Only) as on 12/08/2022 for the Loan Agreement No.LNBNG31120-210911439 55,14,837/- (Rupees Fifty-Five Lakh Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Seven only)	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site HIG-II, 658/ODD, in KHB Colony opp. To New K.S.R.T.C Bus stand, H.N.Pura Road, Channapatna-Hassan Measuring East to West: 15.00Mtrs and North to South: 28.00+18.00/2Mtrs and bounded on:- North of : Road South of : KHB land and Boating Area East of : HIG-II Site No.657/ODD West of : HIG-II Corner Site No.659 With building constructed/to be constructed thereon, usual pathway rights and all easementary rights etc.,

If the said Borrowers fails to make payment to Incred Financial services Limited as aforesaid, IFSL may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(2) / 13(4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risk, cost and consequences of the parties mentioned above.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
For Incred Financial services Limited
(Erstwhile known as Visu Leasing & Finance Pvt Ltd.)

Place : Hassan
Date : 29.08.2022

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Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **IIFL Home Finance Limited** (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **IIFL HFL** for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

"The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, If the borrower clears the dues of the **"IIFL HFL"** together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by **"IIFL HFL"** and no further step shall be taken by **"IIFL HFL"** for transfer or sale of the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues(Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mrs. Saraswathy V M Global Learning Academy Mahesh N **(Prospect No 781108)**	All that piece and parcel of Flat No 403, Admeasuring Super Built-Up Area Of 840 Sq.Feet On The 3Rd Floor, "Amaryllis", Khata No. 610/611, 3032, Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru, Karnataka.	**Rs.39,02,332.00/-** (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakh Two Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Two Only)	10 - May - 2022	25- Aug- 2022

For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office: "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru-560025** or **Corporate Office:** Plot No.98, Phase-IV, Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place: Bangalore, Date:29-08-2022 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.**

RBL BANK LTD
Registered Office: 1st Lane, Shahupuri, Kolhapur-416001.
Branch Office: Ground Floor, Prestige Tower, 99 & 100, Residency Road, Bangalore-560025

RBL BANK

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE (UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSET CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 ("SARFAESI ACT") READ WITH RULE 8(6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002 ("RULES")

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, Guarantor(s) and Mortgagor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged (collectively referred as "Property") to **RBL Bank Ltd.** ("Secured Creditor/Bank"), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank under section 13(4) & section 14 of the SARFAESI Act read with the Rules, as detailed hereunder, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "Without Recourse Basis" on 13.09.2022,** for recovery of the Bank's outstanding dues plus interest as detailed hereunder under Rules 8 and 9 of the Rules by inviting bids as per below e-auction schedule:

Brief Description of Parties, Outstanding dues and Property

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower & Guarantor(s)	Details of Property(ies) & Mortgagor	Amount as per Demand Notice	Inspection Date and Time	Reserve Price / EMD / Bid Increase Amount	Date/ Time of e-Auction	Last Datefor Receipt of Bids along with documents	Name of Authorised Officer/ Phone No./ E-mail Id
1.	**M/S. THE GIZ SHOP,** #2, 2nd Cross, 1st Main Road, Maruthi Nagar, Bangalore-560068 **(Borrower). MR. SYED IRFAN AHMED,** #8, A. H. Pride, Flat No. 302, 4th Floor, 1st Main 2nd Cross, Hennur Garden, Bangalore 56004. Also at: **M/S. THE GIZ SHOP,** #2, 2nd Cross, 1st Main Road, Maruthi Nagar, Bangalore-560068 **(Co-Borrower, Guarantor & Mortgagor). MRS. AYESHUNNISA,** #8, A.H.Pride, Flat No.302, 4th Floor, 1st Main 2nd Cross, Hennur Garden, Bangalore 560043 **(Co-Borrower).**	**SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY (Description of the entire property)** All that piece and parcel of land together with mulit-storied Residential Apartment building known as **"A.H.PRIDE"** constructed thereon bearing clubbed Municipal Corporation No.316/13/1/8/, (Earlier forming the Northern and Southern portions of Site No. 8, V.P.Khatha No. 13/1, H.L.No.8, House List No. 8 of Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk), situated at Hennur, Corporation Ward No. 24, Bangalore **and Bounded on the: East by:** Site bearing No.9, **West by:** 25 feet wide Cross Road, **North by:** Site bearing No.10, **South by:** 30 feet wide Road, and measuring: East to West: 40 feet, North to South: 80 feet, Totally measuring in all 3200 Square Feet. **SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY (Description of undivided share hereby conveyed)** 1/10th (one-tenth) undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land comprised in the Schedule 'A' Property hereinabove referred to which works out 320 Square feet. **SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY (Description of Apartment hereby conveyed)** All that piece and parcel of Three Bed Room Apartment bearing No. TF-302, on Third Floor, of the building known as **"A.H.PRIDE",** having super built up area of 1400 Sq.Ft. with ONE covered car parking space, together with 1/10th equivalent 320 Sq.Ft., to undivided share, right, title, interest in Corporation No. 316/13/1/8(Earlier Northern and Southern Portions of Site No. 8, V.P. Khata No. 13/1, H.L.No.8) of Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now under the limit of BBMP Ward No. 24, measuring East to West: 40 feet, North to South : 80 feet, in all 3200 Sq.Ft., **and bounded on the: East by:** Site bearing No.9, **West by:** 25 feet wide Cross Road, **North by:** Site bearing No.10, and **South by:** 30 feet wide Road. **The Property is owned by MR. SYED IRFAN AHMED.**	**Rs.58,77,766.29 (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Six And Twenty Nine Paisa Only)** With further interest and charges thereon. **Demand notice dated: 25.01.2022 Date of Possession Notice: 13.07.2022**	**12.09.2022 between 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**	**Reserve Price: Rs.77,80,500/-** (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh Eighty Thousand Five Hundred only) **EMD: Rs.7,78,050/-** (Rupees Seven Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Fifty Only) **Bid Increase Amount: Rs.50,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)	**13.09.2022 11:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m**	**On or Before 12.09.2022 upto 5:00 p.m**	**MR. RAJESH KUMAR A/ 9945093174/ Rajesh.Kumara@rblbank.com**

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PROBLEMS ARE NOT STOP SIGNS, THEY ARE GUIDELINES

ROBERT H SCHULLER

₹49,250 cr Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) have pumped into the Indian markets in August so far, as per depositories data

MONEY-WISE

MONEY AND LIFE RULES FOR YOUNG INVESTORS

IF you are in your 20s, it is the formative time for investing and could form the basis of your life long investing. Here are some tips:

Invest Bravely: this is the time for you to start your own start-up or invest with friends in their start-up. You could be investing your time, energy, contacts, to grow this. This investment could be path breaking - make sure that you know when to get out if things do not do well. Have a clear Exit strategy.

Get a good advisor - take your time in selecting a person who is about 15 years older than you - he/she will bring maturity and stability to your portfolio. If he/she is your parent's advisor, well and good, but it is important to be hit off with him or her. If the wavelength matches, that person will be a good choice.

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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writes at www.subramoney.com and has authored the best seller 'Retire Rich - Invest ₹ 40 a day'

At this time of your Investment journey, the 'rate of return' on your money is not as important. What is very important is the 'rate of money saved and invested'. If you are saving say 50% of your take home salary, you may be doing a great job. Make sure that this figure does not drop below 30% ever. Once in a while in a particular month, it is all right, but make sure that you make it up the next month.

Learn to spend much less than what you earn. This sounds very simple, but you will be surprised by the number of people who break this simple rule.

Get a credit card, but, make sure that you do not use the credit part. This means whatever you spend on a credit card, the FULL AMOUNT should be paid off about 3-4 days before the due date. This will help you have (and keep) a good Credit Score. Anything about 750 is good, obviously, higher the better.

Start your investing - your advisor should be able to help you with your Goal setting, mutual fund selection, tax benefits, liquidity, - and start building your portfolio. Remember, you need not know how much you will need for Retirement, however, you need to start investing for the 'big amount' that you will require. If you are a person who still needs a number, aim for at least $2 million. 40 years from now (when you retire) this will not look as big as it looks today, relax.

Make very strict rules for borrowing - buy a second hand vehicle to start with, remember that a car looks good, but has high maintenance, and takes a lot in terms of fines, bribes, etc. In most cases a 2-wheeler can do a good job. However, a car feels safer. Ultimately, take a decision on the basis of affordability, family pressures, etc. when you take this decision. Remember that all the EMI that you pay should not exceed 30%. Keep this discipline always.

This is just a start, there will be more to come!

What it takes to build ₹5-cr retirement corpus

This financial goal can be achieved by investing in long-term MFs, index funds and diversified portfolios

BIVEKANANDA BISWAS @ New Delhi

CREATING a retirement corpus of ₹5 crore for a middle-class salaried person seems to be an arduous goal to achieve, but if one invests systematically, the path to reach the target becomes smoother and easier.

Personal finance experts say the earlier one starts investing, the better placed one is to achieve one's financial goal. They say investment discipline is as important as how much one earns to create a big corpus for retirement. According to them, the financial goal of ₹5 crore can be achieved by investing in long-term mutual funds, index funds and diversified portfolios.

If one starts investing at the age of 25, one will have 35 years of time to reach the target. Assuming rate of interest is 12% per annum, one can reach the target of Rs 5 crore by investing just ₹7,698 a month.

Similarly, if one starts investing at the age of 30, then one will have 30 years to create a corpus till reaching the retirement age of 60. At 12% rate return, one will have to invest ₹14,164 per month to achieve that goal. If the tenure goes down to 25 years, the investment amount goes up to about ₹14,300 per month.

There could be several factors for delayed retirement planning such as spending more on luxuries, and giving priorities to immediate goals. But delay in retirement planning could add up to one's burden, as more delay one does the more aggressively one will have to invest later in life.

Hitting ₹5-crore jackpot: How much do you invest every month to achieve a ₹5-crore corpus

Investment Period	Average annual rate of return (%)			
	8%	10%	12%	15%
20 Years	₹84,325	₹65,300	₹50,043	₹32,983
25 Years	₹52,227	₹37,372	₹26,349	₹15,225
30 Years	₹33,327	₹21,936	₹14,165	₹7,133
35 Years	₹21,653	₹13,061	₹7,698	₹3,365

STRATEGY TO FOLLOW

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Many experts advise step-up strategy for building a big corpus over a long period of time

Step-up strategy refers to increase in SIP amount by certain percent every year, as income grows

With 30-35 yrs horizon, one should have mix of 40% in Nifty/Sensex-based index funds

Investment strategy

Many personal finance experts advise step-up investment strategies. Step-up strategy refers to increasing the SIP amount allocation by a certain percentage every year as income grows.

Pankaj Mathpal, MD & CEO at Optima Money Managers, says it will be appropriate to invest in equity mutual funds through SIP route initially and in the last 5 years the investor can switch to hybrid or debt funds systematically.

"Assuming that the investment horizon is 30 to 35 years and the investment grows at a CAGR of 12% in first 25 years and 10% in the last 5 years on investment to accumulate ₹5 crore in 30 years, the investor can start with ₹7000 per month in the first year and increase the SIP (systematic investment plan) amount by 10% year after year. Suggested allocation is 40% large cap, 30% mid-cap and 30% small-cap."

Ravi Singh, vice-president and head of research at Share India, suggests investing in two to three balanced funds (aggressive hybrid) or multi-cap funds will be a good option. The advantage of a balanced fund is that it will be automatically rebalanced without the intervention of the investor.

Balanced funds typically ensure a 70:30 equity and fixed income allocation. Multi-cap fund will be a little more volatile than a balanced fund but it can give more return, says Singh.

Another way of building a portfolio is to have two multi-cap funds -- one mid-cap and one small-cap. This composition of funds is slightly more aggressive but gives good returns on rising markets over a longer period. In case one starts investing late, they can build a corpus of ₹5 crore by making a monthly investment of ₹26,000 for 15 years for a realised return of 25% per annum, Singh adds.

Balwant Jain, Mumbai-based independent tax and investment expert, is of the view that for making a long-term corpus, say with 30-35 years horizon, one should have investment mix of 40% in index funds representing Nifty 50 and Sensex, and dividing the rest between mid-cap and small-cap by half.

That will give them at least 12% return on average. Historically, index funds provide 15-16% returns, but since the interest rates have come down the returns expected is nearly 12% on average. He also suggests that one should review their mutual funds' performance periodically and non-performing funds should be closed. But once they are close to their goal and around the age of 60, one should move their funds to safer investment instruments such as senior citizen investment schemes where the rate of returns are over 7%, says Jain. One such scheme is Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana.

The scheme provides an assured pension of 7.40% per year, payable monthly. This assured rate of pension is payable for the full policy term of 10 years from the date when the policy is purchased.

Price stability and your finances

RAJAS KELKAR

The first step is to manage your monthly budget better

SOURAV ROY

STABILITY is a favourite word among most households. When you start your career, everyone around you will talk to you about targeting a stable job. The idea is to avoid surprises as much as possible in your career. Effectively, the meaning of stability hovers around finances. You want a steady income to pay for your expenses for today and leave something for tomorrow. You want the inflation rate to stay low forever so that you can spend less, save and invest more from your income. You will do whatever it takes to achieve that stability in life.

That is a micro view.

If you zoom out and look at the big picture, price stability matters to most economies. The US Federal Reserve, America's central bank, strives for that. In a speech, last week at a central bank symposium, the board chairman, Jerome Powell, used 'price stability' at least 12 times. He announced that the US central bank would raise rates until inflation reached 2%. That could slow economic growth in the world's biggest economy. Even then, policymakers are pushing to bring consumer price inflation down.

The story would be no different in India. The Reserve Bank of India's monetary policy committee, which meets once in two months to determine key borrowing rates, discussed inflation and price stability and raised rates. The minutes of the committee's deliberations published last week show the concern about price stability. Their actions are driven by a large volume of data that shows inflation could continue to stay elevated. "Although inflation seems to have peaked, it is still unconscionably high," observed Michael D Patra, deputy governor of the RBI, during the committee meeting. He explained that repeated supply shocks hurt the price stability more than the rising demand for goods and services.

What it means to your money

You will likely witness a phase of high stock market volatility, slow growth and high inflation in the short term. Under such circumstances, personal finances are affected. You may see the value of your stock market investments go down. Companies may accommodate demands for higher wages up to a point. If prices do not see stability, they could start cutting jobs. That could hurt future income for many in the workforce. High inflation will continue to hurt the value of your money.

You need to focus on the stability of your finances. The first step is to manage your monthly budget better. In situations of uncertainty and volatility, it makes sense to curb unnecessary expenditure. Try saving money wherever possible. For example, if you travel by taxi, you may want to consider sharing it with other riders. You can make your barista coffee at home instead of buying it on the way. Small changes in your lifestyle could lead to more significant savings.

Price stability is not just a concern for central banks or governments. If there is no control over inflation, you are at risk too. You need to crank up your output and earn more if cutting expenditure is impossible. If you have only one skill, try learning a new skill that will pay you later. If your job allows you to moonlight, take up extra work. Those not in the formal workforce can try gigs that would pay regularly. Your household needs you to bring in more to the kitty. That is the only way to tackle any inflationary, slowdown or volatility situation.

Your savings must find the right direction. If you are an accumulator, you need to start investing more than you ever did in the past. There is anticipation as we keep talking about India's economic growth prospects. India's economy is expected to grow at 7% and above over the next several years. Businesses that rely on that growth would continue to sell their goods and services and grow faster. Your investment in such companies directly or indirectly through mutual funds or exchange-traded funds can create wealth over the next 15 years. A first step could be to invest in knowledge. The concept of 'easy money' does not exist. You have to work hard to learn and earn.

(The author is editor-in-chief at www.moneyminute.in)

Modi hails Indo-Japanese ties, remembers Abe

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PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said that the success of Maruti-Suzuki signifies the strong India-Japan partnership and how in the last 8 years, the relationship between the countries have reached new heights.

"Today, from the bullet train in Gujarat-Maharashtra to the Rudraksh centre in Banaras in UP, many development projects are examples of India-Japan friendship," said Modi while addressing a programme held to mark 40 years of Suzuki Motor Corporation in India in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Modi also laid the foundation stone of the Maruti Suzuki Vehicle Manufacturing Facility for Haryana and Suzuki EV Battery Plant for Hansalpur in Gujarat. He recalled the arrival of Suzuki in Gujarat 13 years ago. "I am happy that Gujarat kept its promise with Suzuki and Suzuki too kept Gujarat's wishes with the same dignity. Gujarat has emerged as a top automotive manufacturing hub in the world," he said.

Recalling former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's efforts to take India-Japan ties to another level, Prime Minister said, "When it comes to this friendship, every Indian definitely remembers our friend, former Prime Minister Late Shinzo Abe."

He also said, "When Abe came to Gujarat, the time he spent here is fondly remembered by the people of Gujarat. Today PM Kishida is taking forward the efforts he made to bring our countries closer," PM Modi said.

Akasa Air faces data breach, apologises

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IN less than a month after it began its operation, Akasa Air, India's newest airline, faced a data breach. In a statement on Sunday, the airline said that a temporary technical configuration error related to their login and sign-up service was reported to them on Thursday August 25, 2022.

As a result of this configuration error, some Akasa Air registered user information limited to names, gender, email addresses and phone numbers may have been viewed by unauthorized individuals, the statement added. Akasa, however, is sure that aside from the above details, no travel-related information, travel records or payment information was compromised.

This is a setback for the airline given it made its first commercial flight on August 7 and has promised to provide a world-class service.

Data breaches, according to various cyber security experts, impact the credibility of a firm as consumers in recent times have become very sensitive about their privacy being protected.

Akasa said that they immediately stopped this unauthorised access by completely shutting down the associated functional elements of their system. Subsequently, having added additional controls to address this situation, we have resumed our login and sign-up services, it added.

Akasa also self-reported the incident to CERT-In, the government authorised nodal agency tasked to deal with incidents of this nature. We have also notified the affected users and have advised users to be conscious of possible phishing attempts.

Anand Srinivasan, Co-Founder and Chief Information Officer at Akasa Air , said "At Akasa Air, system security and protection of customer information is paramount, and our focus is to always provide a secure and reliable customer experience. While extensive protocols are in place to prevent incidents of such nature, we have undertaken additional measures to ensure that the security of all our systems is even further enhanced."

This is not the first time when an airline has faced a data breach. Indian carriers like IndiGo, Air India and SpiceJet have also seen their database being hacked in the last few years.

EXPRESS READ

Diesel export falls 11% in July

NEW DELHI: India's diesel exports fell by 11% in July and overseas shipment of petrol dropped by 4.5% after the government slapped a windfall profit tax on such sales, official data showed. Diesel exports dropped to 2.18 million tonnes in July from 2.45 million tonnes a month back, Oil Ministry's Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell data showed.

MFs flock to silver ETF with new schemes

NEW DELHI: Mutual funds have launched a clutch of new fund offers in the silver ETF (exchange traded fund) category this year and collected ₹1,400 crore in assets after the introduction of the investment asset class by market regulator Sebi in 2021. Fund houses have filed draft documents to float silver ETF.

JHUNJHUNWALA WILL

Smooth transfer of wealth to family was Big Bull's last bet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

WITH ace investor and entrepreneur Rakesh Jhujhunwala passing away recently, there is understandable curiosity on whether and how his wealth totalling around $6 billion would be properly managed.

Jhunjhunwala's children are very young and at present aren't involved in the family-owned trading business, unlike in the Ambanis and the Bajajs. But his wife Rekha Jhunjhunwala is an active investor herself. She has an equity portfolio worth ₹9,800 crore across different sectors. The couple has three children — daughter Nishtha born in 2004 and twin sons Aryaman and Aryaveer born in 2009.

If industry insiders are to be believed, Jhunjhunwala, who has a portfolio of over 30 listed stocks worth over ₹30,000 crore, had already arranged to ensure his estate, including shares and property, will be handed down smoothly to his wife and the three children.

He is said to have named Rekha, her brother Rajeev Gupta, his nephew Vishal Gupta and his close confidante Berjis Desai, a senior lawyer and ex-managing partner of J Sagar Associates, in his will as executors of his estate. This exercise was done well in advance as he was aware of his deteriorating health. It is also said that the Big Bull and his wife created three trusts — on in the name of each child.

Jhunjhunwala's firm Rare Enterprises will continue to be managed by his long-term lieutenants Utpal Seth and Amit Goela, while Rekha will take a larger role in the company's management.

Some reports suggest his close friend and mentor Radhakishan Damani, a fellow billionaire-investor and founder of DMart, would act as the head of the trust that will be managing Jhunjhunwala's wealth.

Beside Damani, Jhunjhunwala's two other close confidantes — Kalpraj Dharamshi and Amal Parikh — are said to be members of the group that would manage the late billionaire's holding.

Apart from his equity holdings in listed entities, Jhunjhnwala also held significant stake in many unlisted firms like the 40% stake in newly launched airline Akasa.

His other significant properties include a sea-facing building in Mumbai's Malabar Hill, which he had bought for ₹176 crore in 2013 from Standard Chartered Bank and a lavish holiday home in Lonavala.

As far as the legal aspects are concerned, advocate Anandaday Misshra, founder and managing partner of AMLEGALS, said the shares and stocks held in the name of Jhunjhunwala or his company would be transmitted to the nominees declared by him, by submitting a death certificate attested by a Notary or Gazetted Officer.

"Once such transmission of shares is registered, the recipient becomes the shareholder of that company by virtue of transmission and would be entitled to all rights and subject to all liabilities of such shareholder," said Misshra.

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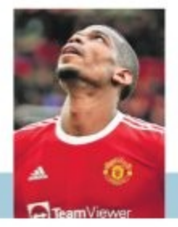
> Anandaday Misshra, founder and managing partner of AMLEGALS

Pogba says he's facing gang threats



Paul Pogba revealed that he is being threatened and targetted for extortion by gangsters after his brother Mathias published a bizarre video online promising "big revelations" about the World Cup winner. A statement signed by his lawyers, his mother Yeo Moriba said that the videos published on Saturday night "are unfortunately no surprise". "They are in addition to threats and extortion attempts by an organised gang against Paul Pogba."

Hardik Pandya (R) returned with figures of 3/25 before following it up with a quickfire 33 in the chase to help India beat Pakistan by five wickets in Dubai on Sunday | AFP

Hardik, India's Man Friday

All-rounder's hard-lengths bring desired results before finishing off nervy chase in last over

GOMESH S @ Chennai

THE Dubai International Stadium does not hold happy memories for Hardik Pandya. The last time he played against Pakistan in an Asia Cup encounter at the venue, he slipped over on his follow-through and had to be stretchered off the field. It was the first major back injury for the fast-bowling all-rounder. At that point, the biggest worry was the kind of impact it would have on his career. On several occasions since, Hardik had spoken about how he thought it was over. While he did comeback and had a relatively successful 2019 World Cup, at some level, issues kept coming back.

For someone whose stock ball is back-of-length cutters and occasional bouncers, having a back injury is never ideal. And it showed. Hardik wasn't able to bowl, and as a result, India had to look for other options. They tried a few players in his position as the all-rounder went through surgery, trying to make a comeback for the T20 World Cup last year. And Hardik did return to the team in time after a surgery, but he wasn't the same bowler. That had a significant impact on the team combination India had to field.

Brief scores: Pakistan 147 in 19.5 ovs (Rizwan 43; Bhuvneshwar 4/26, Hardik 3/25) **lost to** India 148/5 in 19.4 ovs (Jadeja 35, Hardik 33 n.o; Nawaz 3/33).
Today's match: BAN vs AFG
Live on Star Sports from 7.30PM

In the clash against Pakistan last October at Dubai, he did not roll his arms and India faced an early exit in the tournament.

However, almost a year since, he has turned things around for good. In the last few months, he had bowled consistently and led Gujarat Titans to an IPL title, captained India in Ireland, and was back bowling his stock deliveries.

On Sunday, Hardik was up against the same opponents at the same venue. And with Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Arshdeep Khan setting the tone, sticking to short-of-length deliveries, Hardik had no trouble following the plan. While he did concede boundaries, he was troubling Mohammad Rizwan and Iftikhar Ahmed. And it wasn't just Hardik. Back-of-length seemed to be the tactic for India, having gone into the clash with four pacers and two spinners. But the key here was the way Hardik was able to execute the plans. He was bending his back, clocking late 130KPHs to mid 140KPHs on the speed gun, consistently hitting the hard lengths while experimenting the sharp bouncers every now and then.

Soon, he had his rewards, dismissing Iftikhar (28) with a short-pitched delivery. In his next over, he removed Rizwan (43) with a sharp bouncer that was angled into the right-hander, who ramped it straight to third-man. Two balls later, he repeated the same angle to remove Khushdil Shah. He finished with 3/25 as Pakistan were bundled out for 147 with Bhuvneshwar taking 4/26.

If that wasn't enough, Hardik smashed an unbeaten 17-ball 33 during the chase to take India home in a last-over thriller.

Now, the heartening thing for India is that it's not the first time he has gone on a short-ball rampage. Not too long ago, Hardik had a similar battle against Liam Livingstone during the England tour. That he is able to deliver consistently is a massive boost for India going into the T20 World Cup. While it is still a month away, four years since his first major back injury, Hardik has come full circle in Dubai on Sunday, erasing the bitter memories of 2018.

Will try to become even better: Axelsen post gold

GOLD STANDARD (WINNERS)

Men's singles: Viktor Axelsen (DEN)

Women's singles: Akane Yamaguchi (JPN)

Men's doubles: Aaron Chia/Soh Wooi Yik (MAS)

Women's doubles: Chen Qing Chen/Jia Yi Fan (CHN)

Mixed doubles: Zheng Si Wei/Huang Ya Qiong (CHN)

ONE

Malaysian pair Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik, who had beaten India's Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty went on to end the dominace of Indonesia's Mohammad Ahsan and Hendra Setiawan, who had an unbeaten record at the event and were aiming for their fourth title going into the final. This was Malaysia's first-ever gold at the marquee event.

AFP @ Tokyo

DANISH badminton ace Viktor Axelsen said he could still "become a better player" after winning his second world title on Sunday, but brushed off comparisons with Chinese great Lin Dan.

Reigning Olympic champion Axelsen crushed Thailand's Kunvalut Vitidsarn 21-5, 21-16 in Tokyo to add another world title to the one he claimed in 2017, cementing his place at the top of the sport. The 28-year-old did not lose a single game at this week's world championships and he believes he has the potential to improve further with "a long road ahead" of him.

"I want to become as good as I possibly can," said the World No 1, who has lost only one singles match this year.

"I try to take every day as it comes and try to get better and better every day. I still feel like I can become a better player and that's my main goal."

Axelsen will try to emulate Lin in winning back-to-back Olympic titles when the Paris Games get underway in 2024. Lin won two Olympic golds and five world titles during his storied career but Axelsen refused to be compared to a player he believes is badminton's greatest of all time. "For me, Lin Dan is the best player who has ever been — he's the GOAT," said Axelsen.

In women's singles, Japan's Akane Yamaguchi retained her title in front of her home crowd with a 21-12, 10-21, 21-14 win over China's Chen Yufei. Top seed Yamaguchi had not dropped a single game on her way to the final but she had to dig deep to beat Olympic champion Chen after the momentum shifted in the second game.

Denmark's Viktor Axelsen celebrates after defeating Thailand's Kunlavut Vitidsarn during their men's singles final in Tokyo, on Sunday | AP

EXPRESS READ

Pistol shooter Ruchita tops trials

NEW DELHI: Ruchita Vinerkar of Railways claimed the women's 10m air pistol T5 gold in the national shooting selection trials at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range. She shot 16 in the gold medal match to beat Divya TS of Karnataka (14). Ruchita finished fourth in the qualifiers in the 294-strong field with a score of 576 after 60 shots. Divya was seventh with 574, while Maharashtra's Sakshi Suryavanshi topped with a score of 580.

Preparatory camp for SAFF Women's C'ship

NEW DELHI: The Indian senior women's team for the SAFF Women's Championship 2022 will be having a short preparatory camp in Pune from August 29 to September 2. The championship is scheduled to take place in Nepal from September 6-19, and the Blue Tigresses will depart for the host country on September 3. The Indian women, the defending champions, have been drawn in Group A along with Maldives, Pakistan and Bangladesh, and will open their campaign against Pakistan on September 7.

AIFF ELECTIONS

RO finds all nomination papers okay

AGENCIES @ New Delhi

THE returning officer for the All India Football Federation (AIFF) elections, scheduled for September 2, on Sunday found all the 20 nomination papers to be in order after scrutiny.

The 20 nomination papers pertain to two candidates each for the posts of president, vice president and treasurer, and 14 for the executive committee members.

"After conducting scrutiny of nomination forms for the posts of president, vice president, treasurer and executive committee members, all 20 nomination forms have been found correct," RO Umesh Sinha said.

Elections will be conducted for the posts of one president, one vice president, one treasurer and 14 executive committee members. Six former players — four male and two women — will be co-opted later as executive committee members with voting rights.

Candidates can withdraw their nomination papers before 1pm on Tuesday.

The top three top posts of the president, vice president and treasurer could see straight fights between two candidates with the legendary Bhaichung Bhutia up against former goalkeeper and frontrunner Kalyan Chaubey as the presidential candidates. The electoral college of 34 representatives from the state associations have already been issued by the returning officer.

DURAND CUP

Own goal helps Bagan clinch 'derby'

AGENCIES @ Kolkata

AN own goal by Sumeet Passi sealed East Bengal's fate as ATK Mohun Bagan returned to winning ways by thinnest of margins (1-0) in the in the marquee 'Kolkata Derby' of Durand Cup here on Sunday.

Playing in front of a packed crowd of around 70,000, Mohun Bagan went ahead in a freak manner when Liston Colaco's low flag-kick found Eliandro make a hash of a clearance not being to get a touch and the ball deflected into the net off an onrushing Passi, who was literally blindsided and couldn't move his body out of line.

If anyone was to be blamed, it was the Brazilian forward, who had come down to defend his team's citadel.

The result also revived the 16-time champions' hopes in the tournament as they secured their first win after a shocking defeat to I-league outfit Rajasthan United and a draw against Mumbai City FC. Mohun Bagan now have four points from three matches in group B and face Indian Navy in their decisive concluding group fixture on September 5.

The Kolkata Derby was back at the Salt Lake Stadium for the first time since January 19, 2020 when they last clashed in the I-League.

Stephen Constantine's men could barely hold forte as Mohun Bagan kept up pressure from both flanks during the first 45 minutes.

But all their hard work went down the drain due to Eliandro's indiscretion.

F1: Verstappen keeps up bullish run in Belgium

AFP @ Spa-Francorchamps

RED BULL'S Max Verstappen extended his lead in the Formula One world championship with a crushing victory in the Belgian Grand Prix on Sunday.

Verstappen started 14th on the grid but scorched through the field to cruise to victory ahead of teammate Sergio Perez with Ferrari's Carlos Sainz, who started on pole, in third.

Charles Leclerc, Verstappen's nearest challenger in the title race, struggled in the other Ferrari to find his groove after starting 15th. A late battle with Alpine's Fernando Alonso saw Leclerc overtake the two-time world champion to snatch fifth, behind the Mercedes of George Russell. Seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton retired on the opening lap after his Mercedes collided with Alonso's car.

Verstappen has now won nine of this season's 14 races and sits 92 points ahead of Perez who has taken over second spot from Leclerc, who is a further three points behind.

Max Verstappen started from 14th on the grid to clinch the race | AFP

The Dutch flyer, who is already in sight of a second successive world title, was one of eight drivers to be relegated down the grid after implementing a power unit change.

Results (top 5): 1. Max Verstappen (NED/Red Bull), **2.** Sergio Perez (MEX/Red Bull) , **3.** Carlos Sainz (ESP/Ferrari), **4.** George Russell (GBR/Mercedes), **5.** Fernando Alonso (ESP/Alpine-Renault).

MAJOR TALKING POINTS

With the year's last Slam, the US Open, beginning on Monday, a look at some of the talking points...

EYES ON NADAL, AGAIN

With Novak Djokovic's enforced vaccine-related absence, the Spaniard will, by default, become one of the favourites. Hardcourts hasn't necessarily been his friend but the great thing about him is the way he finds ways past obstacles.

2010

Only once before has Nadal won three Majors in a single year, 2010 (French, Wimbledon, US Open)

FLOATER KYRGIOS

After finishing runner-up at Wimbledon, the Australian has enjoyed a fine US swing, with a title at the Citi Open. That potential fourth-round contest against Daniil Medvedev is a proper popcorn encounter. He has stayed on tour since Wimbledon so there won't be any short of match practice. He has the serves and the run at Wimbledon again showed he has the weapons.

MEDVEDEV AND THE BIG APPLE

The defending champ has already reached two finals, including beating Djokovic in 2021. He is the closest thing to a sureshot contender on hard courts but the draw isn't his friend with potential ties against Kyrgios and Stefanos Tsitsipas before final.

3 Medvedev's worst performance at the US Open in the last three years was the semifinal in 2020

WHAT OF ALCARAZ AND SWIATEK

Carlos Alcaraz and Iga Swiatek have both had breakthrough years. While the Pole has had lots of success, she's having some difficulty to get a run going again. Alcaraz is in Nadal's half so if he is to reach the final, he has to do some magic.

4 Since losing her winning run at Wimbledon, Swiatek has won only four matches across three tournaments

SERENA'S LAST DANCE

Wherever you are, make sure you catch this one on your TV. One of the greatest athletes of all time will bid farewell after more than two decades at the top of her sport. Hasn't had the wins in the last 2-3 years but won't matter a jot for her body of work is unlikely to surpassed.

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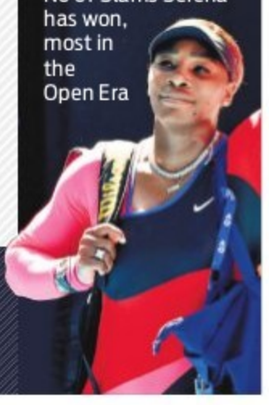
No of Slams Serena has won, most in the Open Era



FOOTBALL

West Ham win piles pressure on Gerrard, Newcastle snatch draw

AFP @ London

WEST HAM won for the first time in the Premier League this season as their 1-0 victory piled fresh pressure on Aston Villa boss Steven Gerrard, while Newcastle's Allan Saint-Maximin rescued a 1-1 draw at Wolves on Sunday.

David Moyes' side arrived at Villa Park sitting bottom of the table after losing their first three games without scoring a single goal. Pablo Fornals' goal late in the second half ended West Ham's wait to get off the mark as they climbed out of the relegation zone. Fornals' shot deflected off Villa defender Ezri Konsa and looped over keeper Emiliano Martinez to break the deadlock with 15 minutes left. The Hammers, beaten by Manchester City, Nottingham Forest and Brighton, are now level on points with Villa, who have lost three of their first four matches.

Villa's latest setback will only add to the scrutiny on Gerrard amid talk of dressing room unrest with the former Liverpool and England midfielder. A midweek League Cup second round win at third-tier Bolton had given Gerrard a little breathing space.

West Ham's Pablo Fornals (c) scores against Aston Villa at Villa Park on Sunday | AP

But Villa fans are growing increasingly restless with Gerrard, who has struggled to make a sustained impact since leaving Rangers to succeed Dean Smith last season.

With matches against Premier League leaders Arsenal and champions Manchester City looming in their next two fixtures, Villa could be deeper in trouble by early September.

At Molineux, Wolves midfielder Ruben Neves gave his side the lead seven minutes before half-time when he drilled a superb strike into the bottom corner from 25 yards.

But Saint-Maximin matched Neves' goal in the quality stakes as he blasted a brilliant equaliser in stoppage time. Saint-Maximin volleyed home from the edge of the area after Wolves forward Hwang Hee-chan scuffed a woeful clearance towards the French forward.

Newcastle are up to seventh place after an unbeaten start which has extended to four matches, a sequence that includes three successive draws.

Results: Aston Villa 0-1 West Ham; Wolves 1-1 Newcastle; Nottm Forest 0-2 Tottenham.

Efforts to protect and conserve clouded leopard, marked as 'vulnerable' on IUCN Red List, seemed to have borne some fruit in Tripura, as two cubs were successfully hand-reared over the past few months at a breeding centre and subsequently released in Sepahijala zoo. The two cubs, one male and the other female, were born in the month of May. It is the first instance of hand-rearing of clouded leopard in India. The cubs are named 'Antarip' and 'Julekha'

Ethereum to overhaul blockchain technology

ENVIRONMENT

LONDON: The world's second biggest cryptocurrency after bitcoin, ethereum, will soon overhaul its blockchain technology to curb the network's much-criticised environmental impact.

Ethereum, whose digital unit ether tumbled in a crypto crash earlier this year, will in September undergo a major technical revolution. So what is the backdrop for the looming reset—known as the Merge—and how will it calm prices and cut electricity usage?

Bitcoin, ethereum and other such currencies are "mined" by solving complex puzzles using powerful computers that consume enormous amounts of energy in vast warehouses, often near cheap electricity sources. A blockchain is the decentralised and secure ledger for recording those transactions, which occur when encrypted codes are passed across a computer network.

Users validate their success via a so-called "proof of work" mechanism that rewards them with cyber currency—but only after they have proved their participation in such energy-intensive mining.

The lucrative crypto industry is worth about $1.0 trillion, despite crashing in the first half of 2022. However, ethereum is still down by a hefty 55% in value so far this year. Ethereum is stil regarded as vital because it is where most virtual assets, including non-fungible tokens (NFTs), are bought and sold. That is partly because users can create "smart contracts" or algorithmic computer code, which carry out customised transactions.

NEW AIM

Twelve men walked on the Moon between **1969-1972** and one of the goals of Artemis is to put the first woman and person of color on the lunar surface. The first test flight of an uncrewed Artemis rocket is to take place on Monday

EXFILE • SPACE

To the Moon and beyond: NASA's Artemis programme

The Artemis programme is NASA's plan to return humans to the Moon as a stepping stone for an eventual voyage to Mars

HONOURING APOLLO MISSIONS

The name Artemis was chosen to echo that of the Apollo program. Artemis, in Greek mythology, was the twin sister of Apollo and a goddess associated with the Moon

SPACEX MOON LANDER

NASA has selected Elon Musk's SpaceX to build the Moon lander for **Artemis 3**

SpaceX's Starship, which is still under development, will serve as a shuttle from the Orion crew capsule to the lunar surface and back

GATEWAY SPACE STATION

The Artemis programme also calls for the construction of a space station called Gateway that will orbit the Moon

The launch of the first two element—the living quarters module and power and propulsion system—is planned for **LATE 2024** at the earliest by a SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket

30–60 DAYS

Astronauts would spend between 30 to 60 days in Gateway and would eventually have access to a lander that would allow them to travel to the Moon and back. Gateway would also serve as a stopping point for any future trip to Mars.

ARTEMIS 1: TEST FLIGHT

Artemis 1 is a test flight of the 322-foot Space Launch System rocket and the Orion crew capsule that sits on top. Mannequins equipped with sensors will take the place of crew members on the flight, recording vibration, acceleration and radiation levels. Orion will orbit the Moon before splashing down in the Pacific Ocean

CAPE CANAVERAL: Photographers setup their remote cameras to capture images as NASA's Artemis I rocket is launched from pad 39-B at Kennedy Space Center

ARTEMIS 2: FIRST CREW

Planned for 2024, Artemis 2 will be a crewed flight that will orbit the Moon but not land on the surface, similar to what Apollo 8 did

MEMBERS OF THE CREW

The four members of the crew will be named before the end of the year. A Canadian is expected to be among them

ARTEMIS 3: MOON LANDING

The third Artemis mission will be the first to put astronauts on the Moon since Apollo 17 in Dec 1972

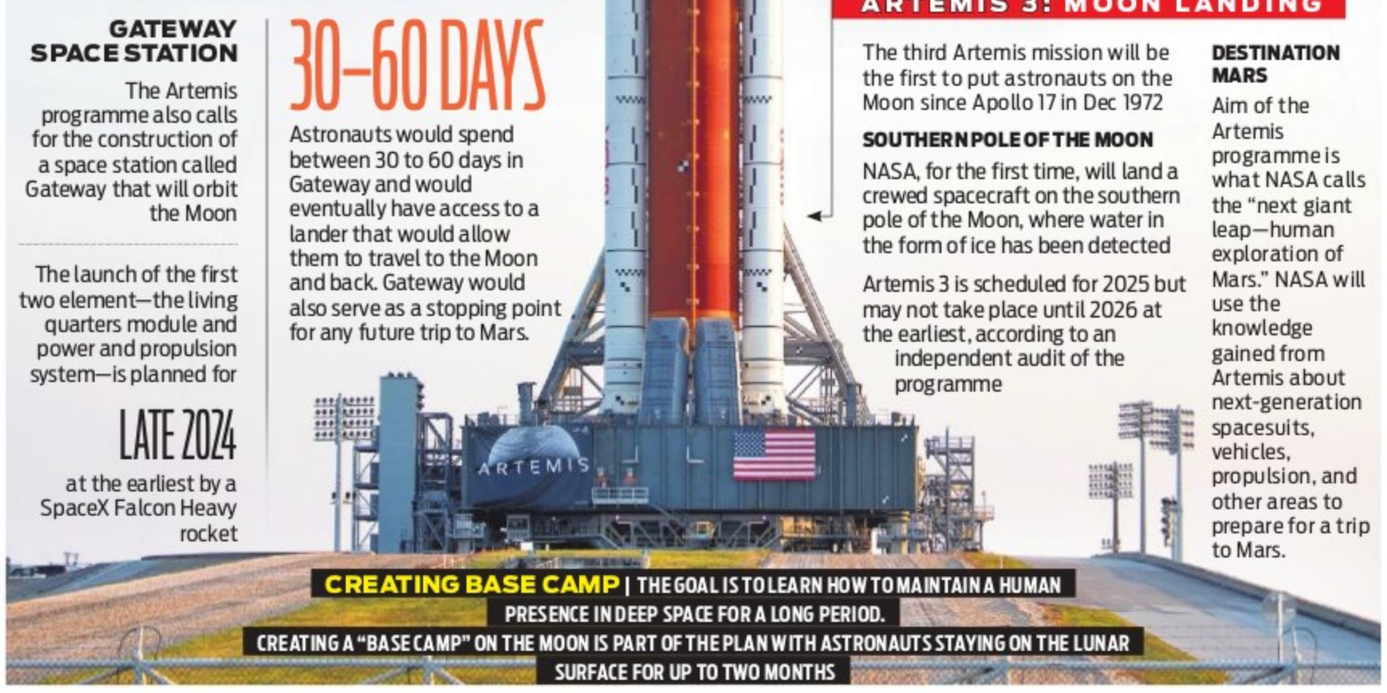
SOUTHERN POLE OF THE MOON

NASA, for the first time, will land a crewed spacecraft on the southern pole of the Moon, where water in the form of ice has been detected

Artemis 3 is scheduled for 2025 but may not take place until 2026 at the earliest, according to an independent audit of the programme

DESTINATION MARS

Aim of the Artemis programme is what NASA calls the "next giant leap—human exploration of Mars." NASA will use the knowledge gained from Artemis about next-generation spacesuits, vehicles, propulsion, and other areas to prepare for a trip to Mars.



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Berlin struggles to jumpstart its coal plants

Infrastructure issues, manpower shortages and logistical problems are major obstacles

ENERGY

HAMBURG: A year after the last wisps of smoke disappeared into the skies from the imposing chimneys of the Moorburg coal plant, hopes had grown that the mothballed site would see new life as Germany scrambles to secure energy supplies.

Russia's curtailing of gas exports to Germany in the wake of the Ukraine war has forced Berlin to make the radical decision to restart coal power stations, at least temporarily.

But infrastructure issues, manpower shortages and logistical problems are proving to be major obstacles for the restart.

At Moorburg, operator Vattenfall has dashed hopes of new operations, saying simply that "restarting it would be neither technically, economically nor legally feasible".

"Many parts have been dismantled and sold," said Robert Wacker, director of the site.

Even power plants that had not been completely shut, but put in reserve to generate power only occasionally, are struggling with a complete reboot.

Further south from Moorburg, energy group Uniper will on Monday fire up its Heyden 4 site, which had been a reserve plant since mid-2021.

But the company warned that its output would be affected by railway capacity limits in ferrying hard coal to the site.

Germany began winding down its coal-fired power plants in the last few years, in view of meeting a target to end usage of the fossil fuel by 2030.

But Russia's invasion of Ukraine has upended plans as Moscow reduced energy exports to Germany in what Berlin believes is retaliation for its support for Kyiv.

Chancellor Olaf Scholz's government has said it would stick to the 2030 coal exit timetable, but in the meantime, it authorised the restart of 27 mothballed plants or those put in reserve to help fill the energy gap until March 2024.

With a capacity of 875 megawatts (MW), Uniper's Heyden 4 figures as the largest on the list. But the Moorburg plant, located in the suburb of Hamburg, had been one of the most modern in the world.

It was shut down in the summer of 2021, just six years after it was put into service, in exchange for a public subsidy programme aimed at cutting coal from Germany's energy mix. Since then, the operator has started dismantling and selling the parts that are not necessary for hydrogen—a priority for Germany's future energy sources.

Before it closed, the plant churned out around 11 billion kilowatts per year—the equivalent of the electricity consumption for the city of Hamburg.

But now, the installation is no longer complete.

With winter round the corner, the race is getting tighter for Germany to ramp up its power generation capacity.

Millions of China's youth left jobless

UNEMPLOYMENT

BEIJING: China's slowing economy has left millions of young people fiercely competing for an ever-slimming raft of jobs and facing an increasingly uncertain future.

Official data released this month showed one in five young people in Chinese cities was out of work in July—more than three times the national average and the highest recorded since January 2018.

Nearly 11 million graduates entered China's bleak job market this summer with the economy growing at 0.4% in the second quarter, the weakest in two years.

Zhao Yuting, 22, told *AFP* companies were reluctant to hire as the economy cools—and that experienced workers were now jostling for entry-level jobs, elbowing out green hands such as her. Since graduating in July, she submitted her CV to dozens of companies.

Only a handful called her back for an interview, only to turn her down saying she lacked experience.

Armed with a degree in English, Zhao thought she could earn a living as a tutor until she found full-time work.

But recent crackdowns on the tech and education sectors, which usually absorb fresh talent, have evaporated such jobs. "I've been job hunting for two or three months but the prospects of being hired look slim," said Zhao, who has been forced to move back in with her parents while she hunts for work.

Analysts blame a slowing economy crippled by Covid lockdowns, as well as the large cohort entering the labour force during the graduating season in July and August, for the slim prospects facing China's youth.

Official data does not track unemployment among rural youth, and the real jobless population could be more than double the official number, estimated Zhuang Bo, an economist at research group TS Lombard.

Blue-collar workers, too, are struggling to find work as growth in the manufacturing and construction sectors cools. "The reality is more serious than what the data shows," said Ho-fung Hung, who specialises in China's political economy at Johns Hopkins University.

Space enthusiasts flock to Florida

SPACE

MERRITT ISLAND: Seeing a rocket blast off to the Moon is "a once-in-a-lifetime thing to experience," says 45-year-old Joanne Bostandji.

She has traveled all the way from northern England to Florida with her husband and two children for a space-themed vacation, and they're prepared to make sure they don't miss a second of the action as NASA's newest and most powerful rocket is scheduled to launch for the first time Monday. "The plan is to drive very early in the morning and get a spot on Cocoa Beach," she stated, not far from the Kennedy Space Center.

Between 100,000 and 200,000 visitors are expected to attend the launch of the mission, called Artemis 1, which will propel an empty capsule to the Moon as part of a test for future crewed flights.

Traffic jams are expected to start by 4 am, with the launch scheduled at 8:33 am. And even more people might show up if the launch faces a weather delay, as the make-up date falls on a weekend.

Sabrina Morley plans to bring her two children and a few other people on a boat chartered for the occasion.

SOLD! DI'S FORD ESCORT

The Ford Escort RS Turbo Series 1, that belonged to the late Diana, Princess of Wales is seen during a preview of an auction. The car sold for 650,000 pounds ($764,000) on Saturday, days before the 25th anniversary of her death | AP

FACT OF THE MATTER

Paving way for eco-friendly cars

AUTOMOBILES

The world's top automakers—motivated either by governmental regulations or pure profit—have made a sharp turn away from fossil fuel vehicles. But there are plenty of obstacles on the road to a future full of eco-friendly cars. Will there be enough lithium and other vital raw materials to make electric car batteries? Will there be sufficient charging stations? How will carmakers ensure that their offerings are affordable for the average driver? Most of the biggest names in the sector are planning to invest tens of billions of dollars to reorient their businesses toward clean energy. On Thursday, California announced that from 2035, all new cars sold in the Golden State must be zero-emission.

Notting Hill Carnival returns

CULTURE

The annual Notting Hill Carnival has returned to the streets of London for the first time since 2019, with more than 1 million people expected to take in the music, spectacular parades, dancing and food offerings at Europe's largest street party on Sunday and Monday. The carnival, which celebrates Caribbean culture at the end of August every year, had to take place online for two years due to the coronavirus pandemic. The carnival traces its history back to 1958, when Trinidadian human rights activist Claudia Jones began organising a gathering to unify the community after a series of racially motivated attacks on West Indians in west London's Notting Hill neighbourhood.

FELLOWSHIP OF SWORDSMEN

Indonesian knights keep medieval sword-fighting alive

CULTURE

JAKARTA: Armed with blunt swords, a dozen would-be chevaliers are put through their paces in a gallant effort to keep alive European medieval martial arts taught hundreds of years ago.

But this is not a scene from the Adventures of Robin Hood—it's a breezy Sunday afternoon in the middle of Jakarta, one of the world's biggest megacities.

The fighters are practicing sword-fighting techniques that were honed across Europe from the 14th to 18th centuries—known as Historical European Martial Arts (HEMA). After a quick warm-up, members of the Gwaith-i-Megyr group take turns to show off their swordsmanship outside the massive Gelora Bung Karno stadium.

"The training is beyond my expectation. As we spar using weapons, the adrenaline rush from attacking and defending is more keenly felt compared to hand-to-hand combat," said Gede Indra Krisega, a 23-year-old civil servant.

The Gwaith-i-Megyr was established in 2016 after several members of a local fan club of English author JRR Tolkien — who wrote the Lord of the Rings trilogy—showed an interest in HEMA.

Nearly 50 people have recently joined the group in Jakarta and its sister branch in the Javan city of Bandung. The group's name means "Fellowship of Swordsmen" and comes from the Sindarin language, one of the fictional languages created by Tolkien in his novels. But it is not only the fighting and fandom of films that inspire the duellists—they also love studying the history of European sword-fighting.

Sekar Widya Putri did not have high hopes when she was invited by her friend to join the Gwaith-i-Megyr in 2017, but she said she has come to appreciate the education associated with HEMA.

"I love learning about such details from the arts—why we need to parry this way, which body parts that are open to attack," she said.

Celebrations amid weather dispute

CONTROVERSY

An elaborate fireworks display took place Saturday under calm skies in Hungary's capital after a postponement of the show last weekend caused controversy when it led to the firing of the country's top meteorologists over their weather predictions. Saturday's event, a rescheduling of the display planned for Hungary's national holiday a week earlier, drew tens of thousands to the Danube River in Budapest in what was billed as Europe's largest fireworks show. On Monday, two top officials at Hungary's National Meteorological Service were fired after government committee managing holiday events postponed the show based on the weather service's prediction of a high probability of heavy rain. While storms did strike other areas of Hungary that night, they did not hit the capital. Weather service chief Kornelia Radics, and her deputy Gyula Horvath, lost their jobs.

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Tragic memories

On this day in 2018, Germany handed back the human remains of indigenous people killed during genocide in colonial Namibia

ANTI-ESTABLISHMENT

Tens of thousands of Herero and Nama people were murdered in response to an anti-colonial uprising in 1904 when they were incensed by German settlers

NO APOLOGIES

In 2016, Germany said it was prepared to apologise in principle but it is still negotiating with the Namibian government over the form of the apology

A MEMORIAL

The skulls will now be taken to Namibia where they will be housed in the national museum until it is decided where they will be buried

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Partners to people with mental health conditions open up about their struggles, acts of support, and striking a balance between love and the self

HEALING HANDS & BETTER HALVES

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DIYA MARIA GEORGE, NIKHIL JAYAKRISHNAN, SAHANA IYER

Two years into their marriage, Lakshmi* and her husband realised that things were not going well. Her husband loved his drink but it took a while for her to understand the seriousness of the situation; a gradual yet taxing awareness of his alcohol dependence and the depression that led to it. "He wouldn't go anywhere and his confidence had sunk. The doctors said that underlying depression and a tendency for addiction turned him to alcohol. He would drink for days until he would have to be taken to the hospital. But he was always aware and sought help, he honestly wanted to change. He had to be treated for both depression and alcoholism," she shares. This period lasted for five years, and thinking of this time still gives her the jitters. But three years after his release from rehab, Lakshmi is back with her husband's old self; perhaps even better — more confident, jovial and spending time with his family. "Few people understand this is a mental issue and are quick to see it as a moral failing. I wanted to try everything to help him. There were moments when I wanted to give up, but his wanting to change kept us going," she adds.

Lakshmi's story of compassion, understanding and support is one shared by many partners who are trying to navigate their own lives, whilst seeking the best way to support loved ones affected by conditions of mental health. The road is certainly not without its hurdles, as Chennai-based engineer Nitin* found while supporting his wife who struggled with depression.

"She became easily manipulated by others' opinions, dwelled on the past too much, cried continuously, lost sleep and lacked interest in taking care of herself. She blamed me for everything. It was difficult to face the situation with my two-year-old daughter at home. I wanted to help her. Initially, she insisted I had mental issues; I was ready to go to counselling for her. There, she understood that the problems she had were due to her condition. Though it was not an easy situation, I hoped that my wife would be able to find peace," he explains, adding that her condition is improving with psychotherapy.

Is knowledge power?

The National Health Mission website mentions that one in four families is likely to have at least one member with behavioural or mental disorder (WHO, 2001), and most of these are often left untreated. One of the reasons listed is poor awareness of the symptoms of mental illness. B Elayaraja, a counselling psychologist elaborates on several "red flags" that might indicate an underlying mental condition, "If your partner is struggling with loss of sleep, appetite, emotional and physical isolation from their significant other, excessive crying, unusual dreams, unable to take care of themselves or their children, irregularity with work, then, you could consider counselling to identify the root cause."

Latha*, a florist, realised the importance of information on her husband's schizophrenic symptoms over their journey of 34 years. Her husband's symptoms surfaced after five years of marriage, and since his family had a history of schizophrenia, Latha was prepared for history repeating itself. At the time, she had a young daughter and struggled with her roles as a mother and wife.

"He would indulge in reckless behaviour and wasn't present as a father. I grew frustrated and would sometimes take out my frustration on his mother and our daughter. I have said hurtful words. We went to a counsellor but I still knew little about his condition. At the time, there were not many resources for information. With the internet, I began reading about his condition and understanding him better. It was only when I pursued a diploma in Master of Social Work that I understood what was happening and how I could have dealt with it in a better way," she says. Another 14 years, several counselling sessions and medication later, the couple still maintain their friendly marriage where "he, ironically, has now become her counsellor."

While doing the homework can help, as in the case of Latha, theory cannot predict practical circumstances. Mrinalini Ravi, co-lead, Sundram Fasteners Centre for Social Action and Research, mentions that while one can be competent theoretically, it is only when you or someone close to you is going through something that you know you have to go through different ebbs and flows.

"Sometimes I feel that mental health professionals come in with a chip on their shoulder and say 'These are the symptoms for anxiety and xyz is how we'll treat it'. While it is great that you are looking at it from a scientific standpoint, real life transcends theory. It is important to know that when your theoretical underpinnings are not working, the water needs to find its level whether it is through medication, therapy or work," she notes.

Supportive significant others

While there are some common support practices – such as communication and trust – that foster a healthy relationship, there is no single formula, given the diversity in mental health conditions. "There are psychiatric situations that are more serious in terms of psychiatric treatment and medication. There are also neurotic conditions that affect daily life. All of us have some of these situations such as anxiety, depression, conflict management, lack of emotional intelligence that is dealt at the level of a counsellor. With people under medical treatment, partners will find (supporting them) way more challenging because those symptoms have greater intensity," explains Dr Sandhya Thumsi L, integrative mental health consultant counsellor. For some, like Navya*, a home baker, words of affirmation and communication helped with her partner struggling with depression and anxiety. "It is important to acknowledge the little achievements. Sometimes it becomes a struggle to even do everyday tasks for someone who deals with these issues. Your partner having anxiety can be hard on you, because a lot of times, my partner doesn't realise that it's not only him that is suffering. I stay up nights crying, because I don't know how to help him. At the end of the day, it's all about having an open conversation. We have had many conversations about this to be able to form a relationship that accommodates both of us," she informs. The last statement rings true according to Divija Bhasin, founder and head counselling psychologist at 'The Friendly Couch', who emphasises the importance of the boundary between being supportive and giving space, and being kind even if you cannot empathise with their condition. "It depends on what the partner wants and how one's relationship is," she explains. One of the best ways to support your partner, according to Divija, is by asking, "What would you like me to do?"

For others like Jiya*, acts of comfort have worked to ensure a healthy collaboration. As a person with anxiety and depression, finding a partner who was going through something similar was comforting. "I would check in on when they ate, send cat memes and such. Little positive reassurances helped," she adds.

Boundaries and self-care

For the many things done right, there are also aspects of care that partners can misunderstand. Jiya found some people to have a wrong idea about mental health issues, citing with experience that they believe a certain course can make her anxiety go away. The want to be an exception is sometimes exhibited by partners, as seen by Mrinalini. "People think they would be exempt from unique traits of mental illness that would be distressing for other people. Supportive caregivers feel like they should be let off the hook, which is fair. Since they are responding to the mental illness, they feel like the favour needs to be returned which is valid. Sometimes they see it is only a one-way street and can lead them to give up. Caregivers should be open about their frustrations, and not just get help but also develop the friendship with their partner to communicate if something is not working for them," she says. An extension of this is also in taking care of yourself and drawing boundaries. According to Mrinalini, while wanting to do things for a person that no one else has is a noble pursuit, it could lead partners to losing themselves in the process. Latha finds herself wanting to rectify the same mentality in hindsight. With little information of therapy a couple decades ago, she relied on a support system of friends and family. "Looking back, I should have gone to a counsellor. I had become a bitter person and if I had sought help then, I wouldn't have done or said certain things," she explains. While she wishes for a past with medical help, she is grateful for the network she had, allowing her a breath of relief and helped with caretaking of her daughter. Unfortunately, despite trial and error, some relationships were not meant to be. Bengaluru-based photographer Shiva* explains his experience with a relationship that had run its course. "If your partner dealing with mental health issues requires your full attention, you need to make a choice if you want to do that and if you can do that in the long term. My partner was diagnosed with anxiety and ADHD. It's like being in two different rooms under one roof. You give them enough space to let them be but you're also present at a convenient distance when needed. I tried hard to be there for my partner, but ultimately, we decided to go our separate ways in order to heal, so that the relationship doesn't get toxic," he mentions.

"In a healthy relationship, love means reciprocal emotions. There are people who stand by partners with severe mental illness because there is a sense of commitment but if this commitment is blinding you and creating unsolvable situations, the couple can seek help first to clarify whether it is a toxic relationship or if one person is the source of the toxicity... It depends, what I'm saying is very generic. All they need is to be authentic in their point, you cannot live a lie. It is important to acknowledge the truth about yourself, your partner and the relationship. You may end up regretting even making the right decision. Nothing is black and white about this," explains Dr Sandhya. Sour memories for some, happy beginnings for others, lessons learned for many. In the journey to help others with mental health conditions, there is support and trust that must extend to you as well.

(With inputs from Fia Majumdar)

**Names changed*

KEEP AN EYE OUT

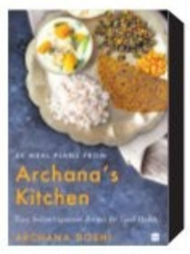
Struggling with continuous loss of sleep, loss of appetite, emotional and physical isolation from their significant other.

Excessive crying, unusual dreams

Not taking care of themselves, irregularity with work and business, not taking care of the child, then, you could consider counselling to identify the root cause of their sufferings

Source: B Elayaraja, a counselling psychologist at Kavithalayaa Counselling Centre

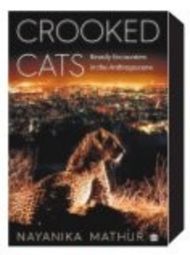
BOOK NOOK



30 Meal Plans from Archana's Kitchen

By Archana Doshi

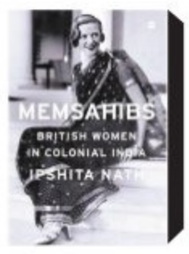
With an emphasis on local, fresh and seasonal ingredients; easy, healthy cooking techniques, this is for the cook who wants to optimise their health without compromising on taste.



Crooked Cats: Beastly Encounters in the Anthropocene

By Nayanika Mathur

The book explores these in detail to offer new insights into the governance of animals and their entanglements with humans.



Memsahibs: British Women in Colonial India

By Ipshita Nath

Flora Annie Steel, Fanny Parks & Emily Eden, join their husbands on expeditions, engaging in political questions, and recording their experiences. Yet the Raj was not all adventure.

Chand Nigal Gayi: Gulzar Saab Ki Kavitayein

By Saba Mahmood Bashir

Saba Bashir attempts to analyse what makes Gulzar the poet he is. She also draws a parallel between the poet's film and non-film poetry and points out how they are used interchangeably.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Weekday indulgence

Start your week off with Impresario Handmade Restaurants' delights and indulge in unique drinks, desserts and food with a ₹20 offer.

WHEN: August 29 **WHERE:** All S moke House Deli and Social outlets **DETAILS:** 9844167547

Monday jokes

End your stressful monday with a night of fresh jokes by the seasoned comedians of Bangalore.

WHEN: August 29, 8:30 pm

WHERE: YUCK Comedy Club, Indiranagar

DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Beat the blues

End your stressful Mondays with drinks, food, and dance to the latest beats by DJ Jazz.

WHEN: August 29, 8 pm

WHERE: Sidewalk bar and kitchen, Marathahalli

DETAILS: highape.com

Electro Monday

Dance the night away with beats and music by DJ Avijit paired with some In-house handcrafted beers.

WHEN: August 29, 8pm

WHERE: Simon Says Brew Work, Koramangala

DETAILS: highape.com

Shoot your shot

Find your way around mirrorless cameras in this workshop by professionals and learn the basics of photography.

WHEN: August 29, 11 am

DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Bejewelled art

Check out original pieces of jewellery at this annual exhibition organised by Art Karat.

WHEN: August 29, 11 am

WHERE: Raintree, Sankey Road

DETAILS: allevents.in

Comedy nights

An evening mix of comedy, food and beverages is all you need to give your week a fresh start. Head to this comedy show with friends and family featuring Joteen and others for a funny evening.

WHEN: August 29, 8 pm

WHERE: Bistro Claytopia, Koramangala

DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Happy partying

Enjoy an evening of dancing and fun with drinks and friends. DJ Vcky is at the house this Monday to bring back the fun with some fresh Bollywood tunes.

WHEN: August 29, 8 pm

WHERE: NoLimmits Lounge And Club, Ashok Nagar

DETAILS: highape.com

Guavatate here

Try out the juicy guava cider, the newest edition to Ironhill's menu and enjoy the evening with food and drinks.

WHERE: Ironhill Bengaluru, Marathahalli

WHEN: Ongoing

DETAILS: 9606044623

SUNDAY-FUNDAY

It was a fun morning when skaters came out for an event organised by the Karnataka Roller Skating Association on Sunday. Vinod Kumar T

QUICK FIX

BANANA DOSA

By **Narmadha,** Chennai

INGREDIENTS

■ **All purpose flour:** 1 cup ■ **Bananas:** 2 ■ **Turmeric powder:** 1/2 tsp ■ **Sugar:** half cup ■ **Oil**

METHOD

■ Mix the flour and banana well. Add a little turmeric powder.
■ Add sugar according to your taste.
■ Mix it well and make it into a smooth dough.
■ Roll the dough with a rolling pin until it becomes round pancakes. ■ Heat a tawa over medium heat and cook.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com.

FIT BIT

STANDING PELVIC CIRCLES

This variation is from the base of Tadasana (Mountain Pose). A yoga teacher you can introduce pose variations to further challenge a practitioner who is finding a specific pose easy, or introduce an easier variation of a pose for the practitioner who is finding the main pose hard. Pose variations can therefore help them grow and build further confidence. This also helps to improve the flexibility of the hips and the lower back.

STEPS

- Stand at the center of the mat in Tadasana Variation Feet Hip Wide (Mountain Pose Variation Feet Hip Wide).
- Begin hip rotation with breathing, taking the hips from the front towards the right, then back, then to the left, making a full circle, while focusing on the stretch at the lower back and the hips.
- Continue this Standing Pelvic Circles for 12 rounds as you coordinate the breathing process both in clockwise and anticlockwise direction.
- Finally, relax and come to stand back in Tadasana.

BENEFITS

- Helps to stretch the gluteus, hamstrings, quadriceps, pelvic floor muscles, lower back, and abdominal muscles.
- Keeps the leg muscles and the lower back strong.
- Encourages the prana flow from the base of the spine to the entire body.
- Stimulates the tissues, muscles, and tendons.
- Improves the circulation of the blood in the body with more oxygen flowing.
- Reduces the excess fat and brings a better toned look to the hips, tummy, abdomen, and chest.
- Takes care of the other systems of the body like; respiratory, reproductive, digestive, and nervous system.
- Pregnant women in their third trimester can practise in a slow and restorative way, for easy delivery.

LIMITATIONS

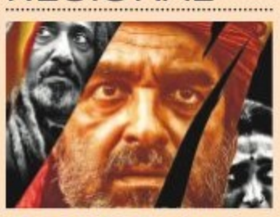
People with any injury in spine, hips, knees, wear and tear of the tissues/ ligaments, surgery of any internal organ, suffering from a slipped disc or having severe back pain should avoid this.

If senior citizens, pregnant women, or even obese students, find imbalance in standing, they can choose to practise it while seated on a chair or on the floor.

By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL



SHERDIL: THE PILIBHIT SAGA (Hindi)

Gangaram, a patriarch of a poor farmer family is going through hardships and crisis because of the failed monsoon. He decides to adopt the infamous tiger reserve practice to get compensation from the administration. What happens next is a series of interesting events.

Cast : Pankaj Tripathi, Neeraj Kabi, Sayani Gupta

Watch on: Netflix

777 CHARLIE (Kannada)

A naughty pup named Charlie gives meaning to the life of Dharma who had been leading a lonely life.

Cast : Rakshit Shetty, Sangeetha Sringeri

Watch on: Voot

VEETLA VISHESHAM (Tamil)

A young man, Elango, struggles to accept the news of his middle -aged mother's pregnancy. The situation also jeopardises his relationship with his girlfriend, Soumya, who faces social ridicule.

Cast: RJ Balaji, Urvashi, Aparna Balamurali

Watch on: ZEE5

F3: FUN AND FRUSTRATION (Telugu)

A group of greedy scammers go through a rollercoaster of events when a wealthy industrialist enters their life.

Cast : Varun Tej, Tamannaah, Mehreen Pirzada

Watch on: SonyLiv

ENAI NOKI PAAYUM THOTA (Tamil)

Raghu and Lekha are torn apart by Lekha's guardian, Kuberan, who forces her to act in films. Years later, Raghu receives a call from her informing him about his estranged brother.

Cast:

Dhanush, Megha Akash, M Sasikumar

Watch on:

Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

DARLINGS (Hindi)

Badru hopes her volatile husband will reform if he stops drinking. However, when his rage goes too far, she and her mum boldly, albeit clumsily, seek revenge.

Cast: Alia Bhatt, Shefali Shah, Vijay Varma, Roshan Mathew

Watch on: Netflix

HEAVEN (Malayalam)

Peter Kurishinkal is a stoic and taciturn officer, who prefers brain over brawn to solve his cases. His world is brought upside down when he is assigned a sensational case of homicide.

Cast: Suraj Venjaramoodu, Vinaya Prasad, Sudev Nair

Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

FOREIGN

HOUSE OF DRAGONS (English, series)

The story of the Targaryen civil war that took place 200 years before events portrayed in 'Game of Thrones'.

Cast: Milly Alcock, Matt Smith, Emma D'Arcy

Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

KLEO (German)

After the fall of the Berlin Wall, a former East German spy sets out to find out who betrayed her and why, using her deadly skills to exact revenge.

Cast: Jella Hasse, Dimitij Schaad, Marta Sroka

Watch on: Netflix

PEACEMAKER (English)

Peacemaker is a man who fights for peace at any cost, no matter how many people he has to kill to get it.

Cast: John Cena, Danielle Brooks, Jennifer Holland

Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

LICORICE PIZZA (English)

Alana Kane and Gary Valentine grow up, run around, and fall in love in California's San Fernando Valley in the 1970s.

Cast: Alana Haim, Cooper Hoffman, Skylar Gisondo

Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

SUBSCRIPTION

Disney+Hotstar:	₹199 for 3 months
Zee5:	₹399 for 3 months
Prime Video:	₹179 per month
Netflix:	₹149 per month

SWEET TIDINGS

Ahead of Ganesh Chaturthi, here are some traditional desserts that you can try your hand at to make this festive season all the more sweeter

Ukadiche Modak

INGREDIENTS

For stuffing:

● Ghee: 1 tsp ● Coconut: 2 cups (grated) ● Jaggery: 1 cup ● Cardamom powder: ½ tsp

For dough

● Water: 2 cups ● Salt: ½ tsp ● Ghee: 1 tsp ● Rice flour: 2 cups

METHOD

For Stuffing:

● In a kadai, heat the ghee and saute the coconut until aromatic. Add the jaggery and mix well on medium flame until it melts. Continue to cook until the mixture thickens and still remains moist. Add the cardamom powder. Mix well and keep aside.

Modak dough preparation:

● In a kadai, add the water, salt and ghee and get the water to a boil. Add rice flour and mix gently until all the water is absorbed. Cover and rest for 5 minutes. Transfer to a large bowl and start to knead the dough until soft. Wet your hand to prevent burning.

● Take a ball sized rice flour dough and flatten it. With the help of both thumbs, start pressing the edges and create a dent in the centre. Slowly press from the edges to form a cup. Create pleats with your index finger and thumb. Scoop a tbsp of the stuffing. Get the pleats together to form a bundle and close the top pinching and making it pointed.

● Cover and steam the modak for 10 minutes or till the shiny texture appears on them.

- Head chef Gaurav Ramakrishnan, Hyatt Centric, MG Road

Ragi Gujiya

INGREDIENTS:

● Ragi flour: 1/2 cup ● Water: 1/2 cup ● Sooji/Rava: 1 tbsp ● Salt: 1/8 tsp ● Oil: 1/2 tsp ● Oil for deep frying

Stuffing:

● Grated Roasted Kopra: 1/4 cup ● Sattu/Roasted Gram Flour: 1/4 cup ● Raisins: 1/4 cup ● Deseeded Dates: 1/2 cup ● Cardamom powder: 1/2 tsp

METHOD:

● In a 2L cooker, add water, salt, and oil. After 1 whistle, switch off and release the pressure immediately. Add rava and ragi flour and mix thoroughly and keep it covered with weight on. Mix the stuffing ingredients and make a coarse powder using the small mixer jar.

● After 15 minutes, knead the dough in the cooker. Divide into 6 equal portions. Roll out small discs and fill one side with 2 tbsp of the stuffing. Wet the corners and seal the edges by hand to form the shape. Make sure the ends are sealed properly.

● Heat oil in a pan and fry them. Drain on a kitchen tissue to remove the excess oil.

● Tasty, healthy low calorie gujiyas are ready!

- Executive chef Neeraj Balasubramanian, Renaissance Bengaluru Race Course Hotel

DOUBLE KA MEETHA

INGREDIENTS:

● Whole Milk: 2 cups ● Cardamom Powder: 1/4 tsp ● Saffron strands: 8-10 ● Sugar: 1/4 cup ● Water: 1/2 cup ● Bread: 6 slices ● Ghee: to shallow fry ● Chopped Cashew nuts: 1 tbsp ● Raisins: 1/2 tbsp ● Sliced Almonds: 1 tbsp

METHOD:

1. Making the Rabri:

● In a pan, combine the evaporated milk and condensed milk and bring it to a gentle boil. Keep cooking until it's creamy and mix it well.

● Add the crushed cardamom and the saffron threads and keep cooking.

● Let the rabri cool down to room temperature. It could even be made ahead of time and chilled.

2. Making the sugar syrup:

● Combine the sugar and the water in a pan and boil the sugar syrup for a couple of minutes until it is sticky. If the sugar consistency becomes thick, the bread slices would not soak up the sugar.

● So just let it boil for a couple of minutes and come to a sticky consistency. Turn off the flame and let it cool down to room temperature.

3. Making the bread:

● Using a sharp knife, remove the crusts off the bread. Cut each slice diagonally in two. Pan fry the triangles using adequate ghee on both the sides. The bread has to be fried on low heat until golden brown and crispy.

● Repeat this with all other bread slices and keep it aside.

4. Preparing the nuts:

● Chop cashews, almonds and pistachios into fine pieces for a nutty layer.

● Heat a tsp of ghee and fry the chopped nuts until golden brown and aromatic. Remove it and keep it aside until ready to assemble.

5. Assembling the Double Ka Meetha:

● When ready to serve, dip the fried bread slices in sugar syrup, flipping it to coat both the sides.

● Place it on a serving plate and then drizzle the rabri over it. Sprinkle the fried nuts over the prepared bread and enjoy.

- Executive chef Rohan Malwankar, Courtyard By Marriott Bengaluru

GRUB HUB

Avin Thaliath (@chef_avin), pastry chef and the director of Lavonne Academy of Baking Science And Pastry Arts, dishes out a food-related quiz in this weekly series. Be a real 'whisk' taker and let us know if you have what it bakes. Who knows, your dreams may crumb true.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'**

The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*. The first prize winner this week will win a ₹2,000 discount voucher from Street Storyss **

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Ragi/Mudde
2) Maddur vadae
3) Mangalore buns

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Alpa Shah
2) Dr Hina
3) Sheetal R

Where tradition meets modernity

Celeb jewellery designer Neety Singh, whose client base includes the likes of Vidya Balan and Twinkle Khanna, brings her latest curation to the city; it uses uncut diamonds and polkis

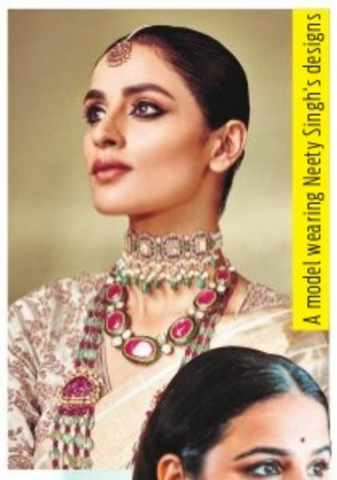
MONIKA MONALISA

BESPOKE jewellery designer **Neety Singh** can spend hours speaking about her favourite topic – jewellery. From polkis to traditional pieces, one can feel the passion for her profession while she talks about it. The same love can be seen in her collections too. Singh will bring her latest curation Intrepid to Bengaluru on August 29 at Taj West End.

Singh, whose jewellery is worn by the likes of Vidya Balan, Twinkle Khanna and Aditi Rao Hydari, describes her jewellery to be bold yet mindful, fearless yet graceful. Quite mindful about curating the Bengaluru exhibition, she is also looking forward to it since it's her first exhibition in the city. "Bengaluru has a heavy mix of tradition and modernity. For me, the signature is also the antique heirloom jewellery, mostly from the north of India. Like something that you would have seen in the houses of Patiala or Rajasthan. I've given a contemporary take to every piece. For example, a chunky headgear can be turned into a smart neckpiece. It's for a global diaspora in tune with the times," says Singh, adding that since Bengaluru is a casual community, she chose a contemporary approach.

Inspiration lies everywhere for a creator. "It could be a carpet, it could be something I see on Broadway. It could be a mix of everything that appeals to me and it keeps changing with time. In summer I could see it in pastels and in winter I could see it in deeper blues. To stay ahead of the trend, I would do a green instead of a yellow," says Singh, who is known for her conversational pieces which have a mix of Indian and western elements. She often finds herself gravitating toward old traditional pieces and long smart neckpieces. "One piece is enough. You don't have to layer it," she adds.

So which celebrity designer's collection does she like best? "There are many with good taste. But I like Twinkle Khanna's jewellery collection, even Aditi has some nice, subtle and timeless pieces," she says.



A model wearing Neety Singh's designs

Vidya Balan

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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I, **RAGINI KISHORE** spouse of **Gp Capt Anand kishore (Retd)** resident. Of. Flat ' H ' Neelmadan Apartments Opposite Vibgyor Horamavu Benguluru - 560043,have changed my name from **RAGINI KISHORE** to **RAGINI ANAND KISHORE** vide Affidavit dated 19 /08/2022 at the Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SNEHA DAYANANDA KAMATH** W/o **Gujaran Jagdish Shiva** aged about 44 years, R/at No.204, Mulberry, C Wing, Shapoorji Pallonji, Park West, Jagjeevana Ram Nagar, Hosakere Road, Binnypet, Bangalore-560023 have changed my name to **SNEHA JAGDISH GUJARAN** vide affidavit dated:26/8/2022 Before Notary **Vanajakshi. R** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) MAHANOOR, residing at No. 18, Mangoe Apartment, G2, Cline Road, Cooke Town, Bangalore-560084, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MAHANOOR** to **(NEW NAME) MEHANOOR SABREEN** vide affidavit Dated 24/08/2022 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VENKAT LALIT NAVEEN SHARMA (V L N SHARMA)** (new name), previously called **LAKSHMINARASIMHA V** (old name), Aged about 55 years, S/o M S VENKATA RAO, Permanent resident of: No. 73, Doddamma Layout, Hulimavu, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru - 560076, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **LAKSHMINARASIMHA V** to **VENKAT LALIT NAVEEN SHARMA (V L N SHARMA)** vide affidavit dated 27.8.2022 sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANAND** S/o. Basavaraj, residing at 66, Datta Nilya, 7th Main, Attur Layout, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore - 560064 have changed my name to **ANAND B PADASHETTY,** vide affidavit dated 25-08-2022 before Notary, H.Sridhar Rao, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SUGANDHA DEVI spouse of **SANTOSH KUMAR** resident of : No.26, Warrior Mount, 2nd Floor, Jaimuni Nagar, Baglur Cross, Behind Ford Show Room, Yelahanka, Bengaluru - 560064 have changed my name from **SUGANDHA DEV** to **SUNGANDHA JHA** vide affidavit dated 23.08.2022 at Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) ABDUL AHAD, residing at No. 68/2, Micheal Palya, 4th B Cross, 80 Feet Road, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560038, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) ABDUL AHAD** to **(NEW NAME) T.K.ABDUL AHAD (Thundathil Kabir Abdul Ahad)** vide affidavit Dated 27/08/2022 sworn before Notary P.G.Unnikrishnan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HARINA N** W/o Sriram Sathyanarayana Naveen Bhadri Resident of No2802, Tower A Karle Zenith Recidency,Kempapaura Main Road,Opp Nagavara Lake, Mariyanna Palya, Hebbal,Banglore -560045, do hereby solemnly affirm that As per Adhar No(438504344811) My name is **HARINA N** and in Pan Card (ACAPH8954N) My Name is **HARINAKHSHI PONNAPPA KUTTANNA** both names belongs to me only and henceforth I authenticate my name will be **HARINA. N** only, Vide affidavit dated 26.08.2022 sworn to before Advocate & Notary L B Anasuyamma. B.A.L.LLB Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, UMAA R (New Name), Daughter of Late. Krishna Raj and Wife of Mr. Ramalingham, Residing at No.18, 4th Cross, Doresanipalya, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore – 560076, Karnataka, India, that I have changed my name from BHARATHI K (Old Name) to UMAA R (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as UMAA R (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 26/08/2022, before Notary Mahesha J.J., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) SANTOSH KUMAR.N.K, residing at No. 3, 1st Cross, Model Colony, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru-560022, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SANTOSH KUMAR.N.K** to **(NEW NAME) SANTHOSH KUMAR .N.K** vide affidavit Dated 27/08/2022 sworn before Notary Kundan Babu.M, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, DAKSHAYINI, aged about 41 years and residing at No. 36, Navodaya Nilaya, 3rd Cross, 2nd Main, Simhadri Layout, Singapura Vidyaranyapura, Near Commander Glory Apartment, Bangalore-560 097 have changed my name from DEVENDRAMMA to DAKSHAYINI vide affidavit dt. 27-08-2022 sworn before Advocate and Notary H.S. Sakalesh Aradhya, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRADEEP D SAVLA** S/o Devchand J Savla, aged 41 years, residing at No. 487, Flat No.402, Jewels Apartment, 4th Floor, West of Chord Road, 6th Phase, Mahaganapathinagar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010. Hereby declare that I have changed my name from **'PRADEEP D'** to **'PRADEEP D SAVLA'** vide Affidavit dated 25.08.2022, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Onkarappa N.R, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RAKSHITH M KULKARNI (New Name), Son of Madhavarao Kulkarni, Residing at No.5, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Krishna Layout, DC Halli, BG Road, Bangalore – 560076, Karnataka, India, that I have changed my name from RAKSHITH M KULAKARANI, RAKSHITH M KULAKARNI (Old Name) to RAKSHITH M KULKARNI (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as RAKSHITH M KULKARNI (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 26/08/2022, before Notary T.R. Raghavendra Rao, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) JANAKI DEVI.K, residing at No. 16, Muninarayanappa Garden, Jai Bharathinagar, Cox Town, Jeevanahalli, Bengaluru North, Fraser Town Post, Bangalore-560005, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) JANAKI DEVI.K** to **(NEW NAME) JANAKI DEVI.M** vide affidavit Dated 24/08/2022 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Shameem Banu Konnur, W/o. Rafeeq Ahmed, resident of No. 90, Behind Sharada Convent Kamalamma Layout, Attibele, Bengaluru -562107. have changed my name to SHAMEEMA BANU vide affidavit dt. 27-08-2022 sworn before Advocate and Notary S. Jayanth, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUDHA A**, W/o. Srikanth K.S, Aged about 45 years, residing at #667, Srinilaya, 4th Main, 13th Cross, BHEL 2nd Stage Extn, R.R Nagar, Bangalore-560098, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from **SUDHA A** to **SUDHA SRIKANTH**, vide affidavit dated 28/08/2022 sworn before notary B.K.R KRISHNAMURTHY, Bangalore, Reg. No.1351.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAMKUMAR M**, S/o M.S. Dilli Babu, residing at No.86, Best county-2, 2nd Main Road, near Sambharam College, Bangalore - 560097, have changed my name from **RAMKUMAR M** to **RAMAKUMAR**, vide affidavit dated 27/08/2022 sworn before Notary K.C. PEMMAIAH, Bangalore-560097

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) HASEENA BEGUM MOHAMED SAMIULLA, residing at No. 307, 'D' Block, Ebrahim Sahib Street, Rashad Nagar, A.C.Post, Bangalore-560045, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) HASEENA BEGUM MOHAMED SAMIULLA** to **(NEW NAME) HASEENA BEGUM** vide affidavit Dated 26/08/2022 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RAVICHANDRA, residing at Flat No.302, 3rd Floor, Narmada Complex, Old Survey No.48/3, Naganathapura, Bengaluru-560100, have changed my name to RAVICHANDRA BIRADAR vide affidavit dt. 12-08-2022 sworn before Advocate and Notary K.V. Mani, Bangalore.

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ABISHEK AMBAREESH SPORTS A WARRIOR LOOK IN MAHESH KUMAR'S *AA04*

CE FEATURES

Abishek's upcoming film with Mahesh Kumar will be bankrolled by Rockline Venkatesh under his Rockline Entertainments banner. This projkect marks the first collaboration between the actor, director, and the producer. The official announcement of the same was done by revealing the motion poster.

With the tagline, The Rebellion Begins, the poster features Abishek as an armour-wearing warrior. The costume is designed by Chetan RA and Kedarnath Kore.

Billed to be an epic drama, the story is written by Dayanand TK, known for his works in *Bell Bottom* and *ACT 1978*.

Mahesh Kumar, Abishek Ambareesh, Sumalatha and Rockline Venkatesh

KGF music director Ravi Basrur is onboard the project, which has AJ Shetty and Suresh Arumugam as the cinematographer and editor, respectively.

The film will go on floors once Abishek is done with Suri's *Bad Manners*, which is slated for release this year. *Kaali*, his film with *Gajakesari* and *Pailwaan* director S Krishna, which is placed on the backdrop of Cauvery riots, is likely to go on floors in November.

Meanwhile, producer Rockline Venkatesh is also bankrolling Darshan's next (D56) with Tharun Kishore Sudhir, and Yogaraj Bhat's directorial, Kuladalli Keelyavudo starring Shivarajkumar and Pradhudeva.

The project will be produced under Rockline Entertainments banner

Shivaraj KR Pete

'I'M FIRST AN ACTOR, THEN A HERO'

Shivaraj KR Pete talks about his upcoming comedy entertainer *Dhamaka*, which also features Nayana as the female lead

A SHARADHAA

ACTOR-comedian Shivaraj KR Pete made his debut as a hero with *Naanu Matthu Gunda*, which was well-received by the audience. He is now awaiting the release of *Dhamaka*, his second film as a hero, which is billed as an out-and-out comedy drama.

"Even though I am popular as a comedian, I'm looking to play a variety of roles. *Dhamaka* is a family drama on middle-class values, which also has a message to give away," says Shivaraj ahead of the film's release on September 2.

Made under the SR Media Productions banner, *Dhamaka* marks the directorial debut of Lakshmi Ramesh, and stars another popular comedy actor, Nayana, as the female lead. "The film will be a laugh riot, and it something people have always wanted to see from me on the silver screen. Though I have worked with Nayana in a couple of skits, this is the first time we are sharing screenspace in a film."

A still from the film

Shivaraj asserts that even though he has turned hero after playing many comedian roles, he has not given up on playing comic characters. "It has been the industry assumption that I've moved towards playing only lead characters. However, I also enjoy playing a comedian, and character roles. Whether it is a role for 5 days, or playing a role that requires 30 days of my schedule, I am ready to take it up. I'm not distancing from playing any kind of roles," says Shivaraj, who mentions that he is part of *Matinee* starring Sathish Ninasam, and Prajwal Devaraj's *Gana*. "I'm also part of Hari Santhosh's next project. All these have other actors playing the lead. I'm first an actor, and then a hero, " he says.

Dhamaka produced by Sunil S Raj, and Annapoorna B Patil has Vikas Vasishta as the music director and Halesh S as the cinematographer.

House of the Dragon gets renewed for second season

CE FEATURES

HOUSE of the Dragon, a prequel of the hit TV series *Game of Thrones*, gets renewed for a second season, the makers announced on Friday.

House of the Dragon is getting released as one episode per week on Disney+ Hotstar (in India) and HBO Max (in US). The show premiered on August 21.

The announcement comes after the first episode garnered a huge viewership. The series witnessed a viewership of nearly 10 million in the United States.

House of the Dragon is based on George RR Martin's book *Fire and Blood*. The series is set about 172 years before the birth of Daenerys Targaryen (one of the main characters of *Game of Thrones*) and focuses on the Targaryen ancestry.

Meghana Gaonkar

Meghana with her father Maruti Gaonkar (Retired Police Officer)

Meghana Gaonkar brings police power to *Shivaji Surathkal 2*

CE FEATURES

THE makers of *Shivaji Surathkal 2* shared the first look of Meghana Gaonkar, who plays DCP Deepa Kamath, a tough cop. Director Akash Srivatsa shares that Meghana's role is modelled from a lot of young IPS women officers. Meghana as DCP Deepa Kamath plays the boss of Ramesh Aravind's titular character.

Sharing that Meghana brings police power to the film, Akash says, "Another speciality is Meghana's father is a real-life police officer, who helped her prepare for the character." Written by Akash, *Shivaji Surathkal 2* is backed by Rekha KN and Anup Gowda. The makers have started the post-production work, and are currently working on the dubbing. *Shivaji Surathkal 2* is expected to be out on January 2023, and the teaser will be released on September 10, on the occasion of Ramesh Aravind's birthday. *Shivaji Surathkal 2* also stars Raghu Ramanakoppa, Radhika Narayan, Shobharaj, Srinivasa Prabhu, and Sumanth Bhat in pivotal roles. The film also marks the debut of Srishti Shetty and Madhura Gowda. Shivaji Surathkal 2 has Nakul Abhayankar and Madhu Ambat handling the music and cinematography, respectively.

The Ramesh Aravind-starrer is directed by Akash Srivatsa

Ramesh Aravind

Vikram

Vikram approached for *Lucia* director's next

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Vikram, who is currently busy promoting his upcoming film *Cobra*, has given an update regarding his next film. The actor confirmed that he has been approached for a film by Kannada director Pawan Kumar known for films like *U-Turn* and *Lucia*. Said to be a Kannada-Tamil bilingual, the project would mark Vikram's debut in Kannada. Interestingly, the actor has previously starred in multiple films in languages like Telugu, Malayalam and Hindi.

Meanwhile, Pawan is speculated to direct Fahadh Faasil for a project that will be bankrolled by the makers of the *KGF* franchise, Hombale Films. Vikram, on the other hand, has *Cobra* releasing tomorrow followed by Mani Ratnam's Ponniyin Selvan *1*. The actor's long-awaited *Dhruva Natchathiram* is also expected to release this December. He is currently filming for Pa Ranjith's untitled period drama.

Pawan Kumar

AJAY DEVGN, TABU WRAP UP *BHOLAA*

CE FEATURES

Ajay Devgn and Tabu have wrapped up their ninth film together, *Bholaa*. Directed by and starring Ajay, *Bholaa* is a remake of the 2019 Tamil film *Kaithi*.

The story follows an ex-convict who tries reuniting with his daughter. However, his plans are thwarted because of a drug raid planned by an inspector. "Look!! We finished our 9th film together! #wewrap #bholaa @ajaydevgn @adffilms" Tabu wrote on Instagram. Tabu and Ajay have previously worked together in *Vijaypath* (1994), *Haqeeqat* (1995), *Thakshak* (1999), *Drishyam* (2015), *Golmaal Again* (2017), and *De De Pyaar De* (2019).